

Dear Dave,

9/13/77

Too bad the fine efforts reported in your 9/8 appear to depress you. I suppose I'd expected more because of my 1966 impressions of Madison. They were the greatest young people ever and the seminar reactions and that of the speech were inspirational. I had only slight faculty contact, none that made any impression either way. I recall that the kids were unable to get the bigshot William Appelman Williams to even attend.

Please do not let it depress you. All it means is that there will be less to give the government for xeroxes, and one way or another that money will come. Incidentally, if you can speak to your psychology people to see if they can come up with some funding for the CIA's records on mind-control it will take about \$1800-\$2000 for what I do not have. I'd make copies your archive would have eventually and they'd have a set immediately. If I can make a deal with Hood for copying the records I already have, which includes all on the Olson case, I'd throw them in. Again the thesis possibilities are great, aside from the value to the faculty, some of whom might want to do something. For this I could also provide a source who was once part of it. If there is a good psychologist on the Hood faculty, a collaboration might be good because the original work involved Frederick very much and the Olsons were from here, the widow is still here - and silent. Just a study of the family after that trauma might be something worthwhile. I have not pushed the CIA, which has not provided these records yet, because of the problem of the money. But I have all up to those that caused the Turner testimony and the batch that follows, not yet released but available to the Kennedy subcommittee.

I have not yet received my ticket but I think I sent you a copy of my letter to my friend with the travel agency. If not I asked him to arrange for flights that get me to Madison just after lunch on the 29th, which would permit a seminar that afternoon, and if there is some good fortune, a speech that night. If there is nothing I have a book I want to read and annotate. If there are people who want to meet with me, I'll have time for that. So nothing is lost except your time. I do appreciate your taking it.

Of course it also can be the night of the 30th. I can stay over and take a morning plane. I made a tentative reservation at the same motel in that remote event. I also can cancel it at no cost.

What you say of Madison reminds me of the theory of existence by opposites, day by comparison with night, life and death, good and bad, that I recall from Plato through Boccaccio. I suppose also that this is one of the by-products of the assassinations and their official whitewashing. It turns off and dispirits the kids. They see futility only.

Too bad there is no connection with the Madison Law school. Between the details of the evidence and the experiences with FOIA I think it could be worthwhile for them. FOIA now is used most of all by large corporate interests. Very Establishment.

I do have transportation from and back to Madison by the dean at Milton. I'm to call him when I get to Madison.

Anyway, if there is any interest my time is flexible. While I suppose Saturday night is not a good one, I could stay over for that if necessary and return Sunday. I would have a slight transportation problem getting to the airport Wednesday rather than Thursday, but if there were something for that night, the 28th, it would work out okay. From your letter I expect nothing. I'm merely telling you that any time the last half of that week is possible if there is an interest. I'm sorry I do not think the Milwaukee group can do anything. You can tell your CapTimes contact if you'd like. I'll be at the Holiday Inn at 4200 East something or other, about 3 miles from the airport.

Many thanks for the real try. Best to you all,

Sept 8, 1977
Stevens Road.

Harold Weisberg
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Dear Harold

a brief note to let you know I am yet
working on the September 30th question and have
spent many minutes on the phone & in conversation.

The Madison crowd is unbelievable in its
a-political outlook & I suppose mediocrity if
not in a few instances dumbness. Madison must
be negated. I was given a run around & at
every step had to explain this or that about JFK
& MLIC & you until I realized the kids there (at
Madison) are blind & dumb. The key person
did not return phone calls after swearing she
would etc.

as for the blacks. They try. But it is difficult
to punch through their concern for immediate
problems. If you had been coming April 30
then Anyway Monday I make additional
inquiries to the blacks in the state also have
been contacted earlier by Vance & the BSC
in here. Our group did not press the issue in
August & the ungodly take it easy of things -
will come to be - maybe attitude is working
against us.

Thus I will know by Wednesday.
As for Whitewater — I don't know. Still
unable to find a button to push & must keep
trying. What will happen I don't know.

I am pessimistic about any other
engagements being found.

[One problem has been that many schools were
not well not in session until after Labor
Day.]

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