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Dear Mae,

Had your letter not come today, I'd have written you tonight for a different reason.

The book will go out in the a.m., with this, when I go to the P.O. Thanks. Sorry there has been no mention of it out there. The axmen lined up early and the publisher has arranged no single promotion. Even Jim Eason didn't respond, which I can't understand.

I have to leave town in the a.m. and I'll take the Kominsky with me to read. I'd not heard of him, or I don't remember.

What I was going to ask is whether you have any more on Jaworski's connections with CIA foundations (or any other way) than is in your Xmas newsletter, which is a bit less than I have, and whether you have any such connections for Storey or Carr. It recently entered my mind as I was preparing some notes for writing. I've never had time to organize those files. I have a fairly complete set of clips, if I can find them, but reading them now would be impossible.

Glad somebody is collecting what there is on those Schmidt Nazis.

On Kaplan: we'd crossed swords before, but he chickened. He was Tom Clark's law clerk, was in DJ Criminal Division (and Clark's son and that division did the Ray job), you know about his Ruby book, he is a professional Warren Commission sycophant (American Achalar, Spring 1967), and has just done an anti-Angela Davis piece for USIA. Could he have better qualifications? In three weeks, the Times has not answered my letters.

When people ask me about my farming to my face, I ask them when they last called Ike or LBJ a bull merchant.

I asked the same questions of the Times.

When I looked again at the Kominsky flyer and saw it was but four pages, I read it. Looks interesting and very worthwhile.

Gotta get ready to leave in the a.m. Hope the family come along well.

Best regards,

Dear Harold,

Hi.Of course I want your new book
on James Ray.

Do you know of Morris Kominsky? I spent the day
at his home in Elsinore that wee..He is coming here
in a short time to do a chapter of Assassinations
in his second book.You should become familiar with
him..he has fantastic research...15,000 files, index
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done by a single individual.

I went to see his files on Larrie Schmidt,
and the boys I call the "Munich gang"...Nobdy has
gone into the Neo-Nazi element, with Dr.Robert
Morris. My research on this gang is complete, but
I will put it into a second book.

Best regards.

I haven't done a bit of work for sex months.
Saw David Lifton in LA, and Morris, and that was a
starter.The winter was spent getting Barbara well
again.She still cant walk..and the other children
have needed special attention.

fondly

Mal Crandall
(over)

P.S. I just opened this letter because last night I read the New York Times Review of your book by John Kaplan.

That disgusting pig did a cover-up on the Jack Ruby case...and wrote a book which should be taken apart sentence by sentence. At the time, I questioned who Mr. Kaplan was and where he came from. I believe his background was investigated by Bill Turner, and in my files I have memos on this man. I went to a lecture he gave, covering up the JFK assassination...There is not a worse kind of person alive. Before reading one word about your book, I saw the name "John Kaplan" and knew immediately what the tone would be. References to ~~waith~~ of Mark Lane, or your "chicken farming".

My language is usually less than what is considered "ladylike" and only the unpopular names are reserved for people like Mr. Kaplan.

More important...of all...is WHO HIRED HIM TO REVIEW YOUR BOOK?

WHY DIDN'T SOMEONE LIKE ANTHONY LUKAS, WHO IS MORE OBJECTIVE OUT OUR SOCIETY, HANDLE THIS REVIEW?

/We know the role of the New York Times in connection with the JFK cover up.

How does Kaplan, from out West, get into the act of chopping you down....to protect his own position?

This insidious network of faces, appearing through the JFK, MLK, RFK, Manson frame-ups is consistence and continuous.

I saved all these articles..of the teams in common...to do some serious work some day.

Could you find out why Mr. Kaplan was chosen to review your book? Or was it a toss-up between him and Hartogs and a few other creeps they keep around for just such purposes?

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