

S. Meagher Correspondence

Re: Ray Marcus(1966-1968)/ Folder contains Nix, Moorman, and other photos.

SM to RM, May 15, 1966

Re: Some harsh comments about HW's Whitewash I. She read it in ms. and talks about his grandiose views about his own work and his "paranoid obsession" about the publishing world and its implied systematic efforts to keep his work from appearing.

SM exclaims there are two dishonesties in his book: His indictment of publishing world/ when other have gotten their work published by 1966(Epstein, Savage esp.).

The "PS" in WW I which is a new chpt. on the FBI Report. SM claims that it was not an original contribution as HW claims. Instead she points to Vince Salandria article in April 1966 TMO where it was first uncovered. I believe SM told HW about it when he was in NY. Upon leaving for home he went directly to Archives to read the Report and then credited himself for uncovering it.

SM remonstrates: "All this saddens me greatly, since we need to work on the basis of mutual trust and cooperation, not to be constantly on guard against back-knifing and rivalry . . . ."

S M notes that Weisberg(above all)worked without consulting with other critics of the WC because "he has no sense of teamwork and tends to disparage all other efforts by critics of the WR . . . ."

\*\*\*\* Note: 1966 Seemed to be the Year of the Critics in sense that this was the first occasion when some of them had their works published.\*\*\*

SM to RM, August 6, 1966

Re: SM praises RM's ms. on the "Bastard Bullet." She makes some suggestions about revising for publication purposes; changing some of the format.

RM to SM, August 10, 1966

Re: RM has sharp words about D. Lifton and Ed. Epstein. RM is hot about Inquest, esp. Epstein's characterization of the critics of WC as "demonologists."

SM to RM, August 13, 1966

Re: \*\*\*Important letter/ SM made some efforts to shop around the "BB" ms. No success. She picks up w/. defense of Epstein. . . But acknowledges his shortcomings. But compared to Lane and Weisberg, she believes Epstein might still do some good work.

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Ray Marcus Corres. (1966-1968)

SM is aware that RM is not completely hostile re: Lane. She points to two of Lane's contributions in R t J. Then proceeds to lay him out for the scandal he is.

Weisberg is termed an "insensitive egomaniac w/ paranoid delusions. She has high praise for Leo Sauvage.

SM to RM, August 19, 1966

Re: She is still shopping his "BB" ms. around. Introduces it to Armoni and TMO. See Armoni letter attached w/ Aug. 30, 1966 letters.

SM to RM, Aug. 30, 1966

Re: Indicates that JFK ass. is making all the talk shows this season. Mentions a new player-Jacob Cohen. She has no good impression. Mentions that Fred Cook believed Cohen is CIA.

Is furious w/ fact that critics are having a hard time getting a fair hearing in the media. Blasts the treachery of the Barry Gray radio show and the program w/ Sauvage. Mentions the "stupid" Auchencloss of Newsweek and his comments on her response to his review of Lane's R t J. (I have not seen this letter. Check w/ Auchencloss)

SM to RM, Sept. 20, 1966

Re: SM complains about treatment by commercial press, in this case Esquire. Epstein wrote piece on the "Theories" for the Dec. 1966 edition. SM wrote a tailer "Notes for a New Investigation." Esquire was not treating her fairly/ compensation, etc.

SM to RM, June 13, 1966(os)

Re: She will review Inquest for TMO, July 1966. She notes that as a result of Ep.'s favorable treatment of WC and staff lawyers he was center of controversy among the critics. SM still defends Ep.'s personal integrity.

SM to RM, Nov. 27, 1966

Re: Mention of the disgusting Cohen article in defense of the WC. RM blasted Cohen. A copy of hisd attack in folder. SM wants to see the critique published somewhere. Mention is made of an Ed Kern of Life. Seems to have some value in raising some questions. Mentions the Life article and the "tepid and timid" editorial in NY Times(nd). . . and enthuses a little that they "are a plus for our side." Ends w/ optimistic upbeat note: "We will catch up w/ them nd nail their unctuous nonesense . . . . Yes, the dam has broken, and ww can feel very satisfied, on balance, with the direction of the tide."

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SM to RM, Dec. 20, 1966

Re: A little on DL and the Wesley Liebler connection. RM does not trust Lifton at all. He believes that unwittingly he is being used by Liebler rather than using WEL. SM calls Liebler a "leper." Mention here of different attitudes toward Lane. RM elaborates on his mixed feelings about Lane in this letter.

RM agrees w/ SM about Weisberg & personality. But claims that his research has uncovered very valuable material to date.

SM to RM, January 4, 1967

Re: Outrage and disgust over a Barry Gray radio show. Re: deals with a certain Larry Schiller tape played w/ SM on the program. It was a total swindle; SM is hot. SM mentions in p.s. to RM about the January 1, 1967 letter from Lifton and his claims about neglect of his contributions in AAF. She says she will ignore it. . . . "I simply don't have time to enter w/ Lifton into the sick fanatsies generated in his unstable mind."

\*\*\*Note: Useful; correspondence bet. RM and CBS staff who are preparing a documentary on the JFK assassination. Picks up further in the folder\*\*\*\*

SM to RM, July 19, 1967

Re: First mention of their differences over the Garrison case. Hopes it will not produce a rift in their friendship and mutual dedication to the truth in the JFK assassination.

SM to RM, August 4, 1967

Re: SM responds to RM's letters about HW and his concern that HW did not give him credit for discovery of the reversal of Z frames 314/315. He has written to HW about this. No copy of HW return. SM responds by accusing HW of appalling failures to credit people for their work or any help they have given him. Mentions her own experience.

S M to RM, August 19, 1967

Re: SM follows up re: RM's efforts to get CBS to deal w/ the facts of the JFK case. RM was ignored and stonewalled by CBS executives. SM calls them "trained poodles" who do the dirty work for the Establishment to keep the myth a live and well. She suggests that there ought to be a law about this kind of collusion and determination to keep the truth from the public.

Marcus correspondence w/ CBS is in folder.

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SM to RM, Oct. 21, 1967

Re: Once again she tries to clarify her objections to Garrison trial. She is opposed on principle and sees no reason to break w/ her opposition. Marcus favors what is taking place in NO. SM hopes their freindship will not be a casualty.

SM to RM, Oct. 31, 1967

Re: SM is cathcing criticism from the critics because of her failure to drop her opposition to Garrison and join the "soldid front" in favor of the NO trial.

SM to RM, Dec. 1, 1967

Re: Contains interesting comments about Tink Thompson's Six Seconds and evaluation of his work as critic. Thompson came under a cloud w/ critics. Accusations from California that he might be CIA, etc. SM sees this as laughable.

\*\*\*\* Differences over Garrison case and Thompson's reception brings a crisis in SM/RM relationship. See xeroxed copies of first of year corres. It is really wierd.