

I seem to have just placed the coverage article in "Commentary" (Nov. 1967) - do you think he would have an extra copy for the library to send me? I want to use this information in "Julian Road", as well as having to edit (usually's M. G. H.) for my treatment on the counter-buffers, as per your suggestion.

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P.S. If you wish to keep the Leslie Stewart except, by all means do - but if not, I'd appreciate your returning to me, as early as possible, a confirmation to hand around!

Dear Sylvia -

Behind this most significant story (significant, not because it comes as any surprise but merely because it made its way, finally, into the "respectable" press) lies the motive, in my opinion - or certainly the most important motive, if there were peripheral ones. This, tied in with President Kennedy's speech in June of '63 at American University and Leslie Stewart's article in "Indices on the Left" - plus the pressing need both Schlesinger & Forester seemed beset by to publish quickly - tells much of the terrible tale! And, again, I am devastated over the sense of loss to mankind and over the needless, senseless, ghastly deaths that occur every moment because of it!

The latest bomb you dropped on the Killam (there goes one of those ironic words, again!) - Carter Business ~~(KILLAM)~~ is no less staggering than any of the others, really - but somehow, it unnerved all of us a bit more! God! Can there all be mere coincidences and tricks of fate???

(Please get Harris to tell you the name of the Texas editor; it wouldn't be Ronnie Angler, would it?) I went back to my Supra (THE REPORT) before referring to CF 2882 + CF 2883 (the latter ones, of course, I had long since taken note of) and I

discovered that in the index — in both the cases of Wanda 2.
Joyce Kill om & John Carter — the reference pages are given
as "363-364", yet the only information given about either of
them (exclusive of the 2 CF, 2882 & 2883) is to be found ^{exclusively} on page
363! Small point, admittedly, but had this "error" appeared
only with reference to one of their names, one could easily (?)
dismiss it as typographical or such — but since it exists
for both names, one wonders if there wasn't additional in-
formation originally, which was later deleted! The following
may very well be totally insignificant but I did find
in CF 1322 (Vol. XXII, pp. 513-514) 2 instances where "Wanda
Joyce Davis" name reappears — as well as her 'phone number
and those have to do with notebook and/or memo pad found
in Ruby's possession (or was it in his car) right after his
arrest.

As for Kilgallen, and Harris' comment do you that "she's
been sick for a long time," — I ^{can} still hear Arlene Francis, the
morning after K.'s death, telling the man next to her, on
the TODAY show, of their (what's Myline panel's) surprise inas-
much as K. had been in excellent health & was especially
happy that Bennett Cerf was to publish her book!

I'm sending you the whole story as it appeared in the
L.A. Times on the Bill Hunter murder. I had it all Xerox-
ed at the paper's copying dept. Since these are the only
copies I have (still haven't really looked for my own original
one) — would you be good enough to have copies made of
whichever of these you may want & then return the batch
to me? With remerciments! (I don't know why I place emphasis

on the fact that, after the initial breaking of the story - i.e. the 1st reports of it - nowhere again is the link between Hunter & the assassination + Ruby mentioned again! (3)

I'm still burning at Buchanan! Imagine that since my departure from Paris I haven't had one line - one word from him & that was 22 days ago! Not only had he not bothered to let me know that the material is indeed going to hit the world on 23rd Nov., but what disturbs me far more is that he had enough time, I'm sure, in which to submit a rough draft - tear sheet - facsimile format - or whatever - for my inspection & approval - for then, I could, at least, have enjoyed the peace of mind that comes with the knowledge that there are no "gaffes" - no unnecessary errors, damaging or otherwise. He, not having the volumes or, he tells me, any access to them, even - would have no way of verifying the accuracy of quotes, volume & page references etc. - nor would the people at Paris-Match. Additionally you had sent me your exceedingly valuable & laborious critique, pin-pointing many of the technical errors that exist because of my haste in getting the job completed for the N.Y. meeting & consequently, my precluding any opportunity for me to have edited & deleted, etc. Prior to going to the photostaters - and - had I known for a fact that the deal with P.-M. was to be a fait accompli, having had your critique in Paris with me, I could easily have set about making the necessary amendments then & there - or I could, at least, have left your comments & suggestions with him, so that he could have checked the points out. Here is the incredible and stupendous break - for all of us - and here, too, is the fruit of a monumental bone-tiring job on my part - and, yet, because of Duchan-

an's negligent silence, the awful possibility exists that the whole thing can turn into disaster instead of triumph — and it's all so hopelessly needless! There is, certainly, — if nothing else — a gross lack of integrity on his part in not even acquainting or consulting me with the definite decision to publish on Match's part. I have no idea what he's including — how much — which things are my contribution, which are Dave's, etc. & here he is sewing up world rights, etc! In the final analysis, I'm perhaps over-dramatizing the fear of errors and of accuracy of material used — because I have carefully checked every word of my original panoplies from which the photostats were made & all of the correctible items to which you have referred are there, of course, but I must say that none of them is really catastrophic and capable of causing irreparable damage to the case; — in the main, my worst mistakes seem to lie in the area of calling a patrolman a motorcycle officer, for example, or of using the word "testimony" where it should have been "deposition," "statement" or "affidavit." I was, in fact, relieved to find that nothing worse than that sort of thing is detectable — and those people who wish to ignore the importance of what those pieces of evidence represent because of a mere faulty technicality will not be impeded, in any case. The errors, God knows, weigh far more heavily on the Government's position. It is simply a matter of having this golden chance — and then, not being able to present absolutely flawless material when it would have been so simple to do so.

Naturally, I'm not even taking up the matter of Buchanan's failing to ask me (or Dave) if we would want our names used, if we expect remuneration — or rights — or anything like that! In the first place, & I speak only for myself, I would insist on complete anonymity because I have no wish to be known —

for a number of reasons, not the least of which is the fear that a vendetta could conceivably be instituted in the form of drafting young Joe by some pretext. Secondly, I wouldn't touch a penny of any remuneration that might have been due me for the labors and the expense I have accumulated & the material & ideas I have provided, because to me it represents blood money & I would instantly turn it over to the Kennedy Library, were it sent to me in the form of a cheque. None of this is the point, however, as far as Buchanan is concerned. We — all of us — Dave, Ray, you, I — have done the homework for him & the least he could have done was to have acknowledged that fact by writing a line! I'm not overlooking the highly significant fact that had it not been for him, his perseverance, & his excellent contact with the powers that be, the article would never have seen the light of day, in all probability — and he should certainly enjoy full credit for having made publication possible — but his own sense of responsibility to anyone else seems to end right there. Perhaps I'm being unduly severe about him — and he may still come through in some unexpected way, but his conduct thus far doesn't leave one with much of a margin for optimism!

Please do acquaint Salandria and Savage with all the information connected with the Buchanan-Field-Paris-Match affair as I would want to include them in the dissemination of such developments but I simply can't write in such detail to each of them! I'm still in the course of translating Savage's book — & have accelerated my timing on it — as I feel a considerable sense of urgency in getting it published in the U.S. as quickly as possible. I only wish I could have had the time to devote to it these past months & weeks. (You know that I am going to France again on Dec. 14th for 3 weeks — all 4 of us go, this time)

Much love, Maggie.