

bother to express my views on the anti-democratic rules and regulations, since I would have refused to join the Committee even if they were a model of a statute so long as Garrison (and Mark Lane) were connected with the group.

I thought of you when we heard that the hurricane had saved its greatest fury for St. P. I am sorry for your ordeal but glad there was no harm to life or limb.

Again, since you did ask my opinion, I do strongly urge you to cut off at once and absolutely any conversations or other contacts with Horsey and the other strange and ominous callers. Even if there is no danger from them, they will waste your time and energy with what is certain to be unmitigated nonsense and feverish digressions from logic or sanity, all irrelevant to Dallas and potentially embarrassing or worse.

Allegra is very pleased with your compliments, which she considers her due, and graciously thanks you. She says also, keep the slides as we have many, many more (would you believe, 70, or 80? One of her admirers, I am not a camera-type person). I look forward to seeing a likeness of George Henry, and of Pichit, in due course, and hope that they gave Gladys what-for.

Best affection, but hastily (hope I did not omit anything important),

What strikes me forcefully is that Ed Horsey is the one common factor in each case, and he in turn is linked to Garrison (to me, he took a very anti-Garrison position, but I feel sure that with pro-Garrisonites he takes a very pro-posture). The fact that Horsey told Kerry Thornley that I would vouch for him, when I do not and cannot; and the fact that he told Thornley to steer clear of you, while he himself cultivated your friendship--these facts by themselves are enough to establish Horsey's bad faith, dishonesty, and/or derangement (mental disturbance, at the very least). The very same people exist in profusion where Garrison is concerned.

I am therefore strongly of the impression that these strangers who got in touch with you, Jack Wade, Jack Benn, and any others including the "Ed Horsey" impersonator, are the worst kind of creeps and verypossibly sinister in purpose and in nature.

I strongly urge you to disengage yourself decisively and immediately from Wade, Benn, and most especially from Horsey. (By the way--I did give your name to Richard Billings, when he told me he was to become associate editor of the N.Y. Times. Did you check to see if there really is a Times' reporter Jack Wade? If not, it is just possible that Billings gave him your name. Even so, I would have nothing to do with him--Billings should have contacted you personally, not given your name to a reporter who would not disclose the source, if in fact he did so.)

I should mention that I also gave your name to Kerry Thornley, assuming that you would not have any objection to that and that it would be illuminating if you and Thornley compared notes on what Horsey had said to each of you.

The further piece of information which may turn out to be useful--I had a letter last week from Bernard Fensterwald inviting me to become a member of a new committee (the "Committee to Investigate Assassinations" or "C.I.A.") which had been organized by Garrison, Bill Turner, and Fensterwald. The by-laws enclosed with the letter were shocking in that they are totally undemocratic--the Directors (Garrison, Turner, Fensterwald, and various others invited who will probably accept) will serve as Directors in perpetuity, and in event of vacancy the Directors--not the members--will elect a replacement. I immediately declined the invitation, on the ground of my absolute and irreversible unwillingness to have any association with Garrison or his friends (no less than the W.H.A. "solution" of the assassination. I did not