

June 4, 1968

Dear Sylvia,

Enclosed find my mailer dated June 1, 1968. As you were one of the small group to whom I mailed on May 28, I sent you the errata sheet dated May 30, which covers the fact that my original Xerox offer (with its combination price of \$13.75) turned into a limited edition of a photo offset book at \$15.

This mailer, dated June 1, 1968, went out to the entire list of the San Francisco citizens Committee, the New York citizens Committee, and one of the two citizens committee's here in LA. (The JFK "Truth Committee"; Burton's citizens committee is almost totally uncooperative because of my position on Garrison, among other things). It says what the first mailer plus the errata sheet says.

I want you to have this for your files. Also, since the format is now "book", rather than loose unbound documents, if you know of anybody else who might be interested, please feel free to let them know about this.

Please do not be deceived by the word "book". I do not have a money making book contract, and I would have gained more, and life would have been much simpler had I remained with my limited Xerox offer which I extended to a small number of people. But at the time the opportunity presented itself, it seemed like such a great idea to get the Executive Sessions made available in fully bound form, so that in the future it will be available on some type of mail order basis from this corporation, that I could not resist.

Unfortunately, it has made a complete shambles of my personal schedule for the last 6 days. I have spent about \$40 in 6¢ stamps, and have licked enough envelopes and stamps to earn some type of award. Anyway, please keep this mailer of June 1 for your files, and if this new format makes it attractive to non-research types who might want to buy one, please have them order.

Last night, I was at Open City's offices, preparing the layout and the copy for "part 2" of the Kerry "Hornley" story. (They neglected to mention in the first story, that it was to be continued.) I will send you a copy as soon as it comes out ~~thus~~ today. Hopefully, this will be totally error free, with none of the confusing transposition of paragraphs that marked the last one; ~~and~~ also, they misquoted me on Garrison. That, too, will be corrected. The newspaper gave me a hundred free copies, of the first one, and I will be getting a hundred of these. I will purchase 100 large envelopes and be sending them out to various people.

I received your letter to Kerry, and I think that your contribution will be most appreciated by him. My "free phone" is completely unoperative again, so I have not been in touch with him in the last week or two.

Ed Epstein called me last week, and told me about his interest in mentioning the letter in his New Yorker piece. On the condition that his mention of it would in no way interfere with Billings' publication of his material in Life, I said OK. I spoke to Billings this weekend, and he told me that ~~it~~ he could do just that. The question of whether or not his editors will run something on Garrison at this time depends on several factors.

One is whether or not it is really new material. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Another problem seems to be that the editors don't want to give Garrison any free publicity, and don't want to use Billings story until Mr. G. actually sets Kerry's serial date. So Ed and Billings will have to work this out. Billings research is almost totally centered on Kerry Thornley, whereas Ed's article was a complete entity well before any of these recent developments took place. Of course, there should be no problem whatsoever with his including the material on Thornley in his book, which will be out at a later date.

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2/68) The material in both issues of Open City, plus a more extended version of my personal meetings with Garrison, completely rewritten, is an article I am going to place. Ed suggested that I mail it to Michael Curtis at the Atlantic Monthly. I know who Curtis is from my days at Cornell. Perhaps he will be interested. Kerry has mailed me lots of material in the form of his personal reply to some of the charges in Garrison's news release, especially in the area of po boxes, and where he lived. I hope to get to that soon, and write that up.

I'll tell you more about the reactions out here to the Garrison story as it evolves. I, personally, haven't gotten any. But the editor at Open City tells me they have gotten several very nasty phone calls from people who say he has quite a nerve criticizing Mr. G.

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Meanwhile, from someone who apparently/heard of my position on Garrison came a reply to the offer I extended, with a letter that said, in part: "I would be interested in knowing about any contacts you have had with Kerry/Thornley...You can check on me with Vince Salandria or Harold Weisberg or even Jim Garrison. I correspond with Hal Verb and have corresponded with Steve Burton...I'm doing work for Harold...and most of my stuff goes to Jim, Lou Ivon, Vince, and Harold."

I have a feeling that the four or five people here in Southern California who would have ordered the book will now not do so because of the position I have taken on Garrison, and the articles in Open City. That is one of the reasons why I enlarged the mailing list, in order to protect myself. (I was very pleased this morning to get an order from Prof. Hacker, my old govt. prof at Cornell.)

Well, I have more envelopes to stuff and seal, page proofs to check at Open City, and one ballot to cast in today's primary.

Best regards,
Saved
David