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Dear Sylvia,

Your letter of October 3 marks the first time I have ever heard of Horsey. For the first time in several months, I made a rather long, long distance call a few days ago, and spoke to Kerry. He told me some of the things Horsey has been saying and doing, and I advised him to steer clear. By the way, Broshears is now including Kerry in some of his remarks! I received something today, clipped by someone up in northern California, in which Broshears alleges that Thornley posed for the LHO with rifle picture.

Stephen Burton told me this week that Broshears has told him that he (Broshears) has been an informant for the FBI. He has done work for the FBI in connection with HUAC and, more currently, he has informed on various people in SDS. Despite the fact that this is known by Burton and company, I haven't seen any diminution of the effort on the part of the pro-Garrison people stop touting Broshears around as X if he really had something worthwhile to offer. Only a week or two ago, there was a panel (which I did not attend) in which the platform was shared by Broshears, some CCI people (I'm not sure exactly which ones) and a local newscaster, Stan Borman.

Changing the subject, a bit. Ed Epstein told me, on the phone (way back when he called me to get permission from me for you to show him material I had sent re Newcomb) that he might send me the portions of his book on "horsey", so that I might read it and offer suggestions. I haven't heard from him since, except for the one letter I sent you. Kerry told me that he had written Epstein urging him to send any material he wants to checked out to Kerry. (Kerry indicted, somewhat apologetically, that he wasn't in too good a mood when he wrote Ed, and he might have been more critical of me than he really feels.) In any event, I do hope someone gets to read those portions of Ed's book on Kerry, so that misinformation is not unnecessarily propagated.

What am I going to do with Liebeler and Ball transcripts? I have a large collection of tape, and, as time permits, I have been trying to catalogue it, so that I end up with a X card file of what I have, the recording speeds involved, what tape box it is in, etc. I would also like to feel that I have transcribed the more important items, simply for the record. I have two girls who are working on tape now, and I have been getting back transcript in dribs and drabs. One transcript that I have been working on is the Theatre of New Ideas Tape. I have been working on it intermittently. I also have obtained, from a private source, about 70 hours worth of NBC network. I still haven't listened to all of it, but am slowly going through it, creating some type of log, and blocking out portions I would like to eventually transcript. When I am all through, I would like to feel that I have something of a tape library that may be of value, centering on the 1966-1967 debate that took place, at least here in California, on the Warren Report. I suppose Mark Lane had to gather many of these materials and make transcripts for his book, but I assume that it would be useless to write and ask him for copies of things. I don't know of a single instance in which he answered his mail. (In fact, the second ~~XXXXXX~~ page of the letter you send to prove your point re his use of your Jenner research is the only letter I know of that he has ever written in acknowledgement of anything like that.) Hal Verb, I believe, has over 150 tapes catalogued by the San Francisco Group. In fact, I obtained my Theatre of New Ideas tape through him.

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I hope that the five page single spaced letter you received was not written by any of the first generation critics of the Warren Report. I am amazed at the combination of ignorance and arrogance by which they simultaneously blindly believe in Garrison, and foist off silly theories to explain away your objections to him.

At my request, the UCLA microfilm librarian has ordered the Microphoto collection of the Kennedy Assassination. This is 10 rolls of microfilm. On it appears the results of clipping newspapers in the US, for the four day period 11/22-11/26, from 90 different cities, grouped by state. I will be slowly going through them, as time permits, for anything that looks interesting.

Harold Weisberg is coming out to the coast, I am told. I have just finished an answer to his letters which will not be published in Open City at this late date. I have run off 35 copies, however, and will be including it in a mailing which will also contain the two Open Cities. (I will send you a copy, too.) Mainly, the Open City's will be going to people who Kerry knows and who he wants to read them. Depending upon how many I have left, I will be sending them out to various critics, also.

I called Burton and offered to appear on a panel with Weisberg, in which I would argue an anti-Garrison position, focusing in on the Thornley affair. Burton said he didn't think Thornley was too important. How do you like that? He's not important enough for the true believers to discuss; but important enough for Garrison to try to send him to prison as part of a plot!

Burton name drops quite a bit, regarding "Jim", and he leaves the distinct impression that he speaks with Garrison now and then. I happen to know that Maggie calls him, and at his home, too, because, by sheer chance, ~~XXXXXX~~ one of the girls that lives nearby ~~XX~~ in my apartment building handled a person to person call of that type.

You asked me for the names you had sent me. They are attached.

I will have to call Sighttext this week, and see how they are doing. I know absolutely nothing, at present; about how its going. I only hope they are honest with me.

Did you ever used to listen to Al "Jazzbo" Collins, on WNEW in NY? He is out here, now, and I am listening to him right now on a local FM station. Which reminds me of NYC, and the fact that I haven't been there since September of 1964. I am sure to be coming east sometime in the next 6 months, probably later than sooner. When I do, I look forward to going into detail about a lot of topics that I can't right now.

With best wishes,

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