

Dear Harold,

June 26, 1972

I have just received your letter of 6/22 indicating that you do not want to hear from either Jerry P. or me again. I am sorry that you feel this way. However, despite the pain you have apparently felt as a result of my recent actions and my longstanding affection for you and Lil, I cannot honestly say that I feel that I did anything wrong.

A relatively short while ago, while going over the list of recently released archives documents, I came across several at the end of the list which pertained to the autopsy. I sent for them. When I received them I realized that they were identical to the ones you had sent me copies of, which you said you had gotten from the Secret Service. Until that time I had not realized that they were in the Archives--in the public domain. While it was obviously your extraordinary efforts which forced the Secret Service to release them, given that they were in the public domain I felt that Wecht should see them. I sent them to him rather than telling him how to order them. Doubtless many others have discovered them by now, given that they were listed the way they were in that list of documents. I felt it important that Cyril see them given that he may some day view X-rays and Photos in possession of the archives and that therefore he should have the advantage of all information publicly available. I sent them with a covering letter explaining your role in getting them released, and that you had first sent them to me before I ordered them on my own. I do not feel that you or anyone else has the right to ask that I suppress materials so openly in the public domain as to be described in an archives list. Given that by now there are probably some nuts and irresponsible buffs who have found these items, it would be incredible if Cyril Wecht did not.

While I counselled you to cut yourself off from anyone who you felt was hurting you (and still agree with this), as you point out in your letter, I also counselled that you had set up rules of the game which made it difficult for people to do too many things without hurting you. Recognizing that you have independently discovered a vast amount of information in this case, I pointed out that ~~you have~~ ~~independently~~ ~~discovered~~ ~~many~~ ~~things~~ ~~too~~. Because something is in your files does not mean that it is not in someone else's. Working around the clock and being close to the ~~archives~~, not to mention being brilliant, you have been the first to discover ~~many~~ ~~things~~. ~~To~~ ~~claim~~ that you own the literary rights, however, would be like claiming the rights to information in a newspaper because you got your copy fresh off the press. Your analyses are, and should be, copywritten, but in neither a legal or ethical sense does this preclude others from writing or thinking the same. Not more important, you cannot copyright documents which are in the public domain. As you point out, Harold, I had not been working on the case in any serious sense for some time, and yet in wandering through that list from the archives and ordering out of curiosity, I came across the documents I sent Wecht. I had no idea they were there since you had not told me where they came from. Ned is still under the impression that only you and the Secret Service have copies.

I will send you back all that you have ever sent me, if you still want it this way, but it will take time. I would rather not do this if for no other reason than that I do not have the time to sort through all my files. Furthermore, if you see me as a Judas, what good would my sending back do? If I was out to hurt you I could send out copies.

So, I don't know what else to say. I do not want to see this long friendship end as my feelings towards you have not changed. If your being hurt is inevitable, however, as a friend I say do anything you feel you need to do to protect yourself. If you do cut off communication I will feel a sense of personal loss. As always, I wish the best for you and Lil.

Dear Harold,

June 27, 1972

Thanks for your letters of 5/23, 6/17, and 6/20. Since my last letter I have some success some interesting information with regard to the Wallace shooting. Our Minn. probation people were all called in on a conference when it happened, because they had handled the case of someone who had been in contact with him. There was mention of going after McGovern. This one will be tough to check out, but I have someone working on it.

I don't recognize "The Distortion of the Pavlov Effect" but could analyze any article you send me on the subject.

Glad to hear that Howard is so active still. He sounds like quite a guy. I would like to meet him when I get East next time. I appreciate the help and support he gives you during these troubled times. I also am looking forward to reading his book when it comes out--I've heard good things about it. I can sympathize with his excitement at going through his files--I used to feel great when I discovered stuff you'd forgotten about yourself.

I am not certain about going with Jerry to Europe in August. While I would like to, it all depends what sort of a schedule we set up for our Walk-In Clinic during the summer. It's funny to be planning such a trip without ever having met Jerry.

I spent last weekend at the International Hotline Conference doing some training. It was a lot of fun and the weather was fine. It was quite a contrast, being quite mellow, to the angry confrontations of the National Free Clinic Convention in Washington DC this past January.

Paul's girlfriend Sue Schumacher was in the Twin Cities briefly last week, and I spent several hours with she and her friends over a beer. She is a nice person and enjoyable to be with. She says that Paul still hasn't put the final touches on his dissertation. At least he's ahead of me.

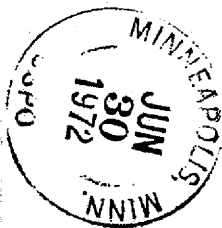
My all day certification exam went fine and I am now a Certified Psychologist in the State of Minnesota. It looks like the Walk-In Counseling Center has been refunded for another year, and I plan to go on as full time coordinator. I will remain only as a consultant for a few hours a week at the Minneapolis Clinic of Psychiatry and Neurology.

Bob called me between planes. He had a good trip and seems to have become a more serious student of the assassination. In going over the Red business the other day I realized that it was worse than I had remembered--I guess that I had seen another side of Red. I haven't heard from him, except for one call, in months. He still has not sent me a copy of his newspaper article--something which I wonder about since I discussed the issues at great length with him over the phone while he was at the Star Tribune and I was in Phila. Haven't heard from Dick Sarachal in a long while.

Well, I'd better go now. Take care. Give my regards to Lil.

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