

June 1, 1977

Dear Sylvia,

Thanks for your letter of the 28th.

Enclosed are my notes of 3/9/77 on the FBI memo of 11/23; also, part of Sprague's appearance on "Who's Who" on 4/13. I'm quite convinced he doesn't understand the Mexico stuff, and I doubt if anyone on the Committee staff does.

By the way, the fact that I got the partial text of that document from Lane is an ~~aberration~~ aberration - it resulted from a couple of phone calls from Don Freed, who was very interested in this document. Lane doesn't like me at all.

Your attitude towards the House Committee sounds very sensible. Getting ~~pointed~~ pointed in the right direction is exactly what they need, but they don't seem to be looking for good advice. I've just heard from two independent sources that Tannenbaum thinks of me as a troublemaker who keeps writing letters. Considering how polite most of my letters are, ~~xxx~~ that's not a good sign. One source suggested that after 6 months, they are all turning into Harold Weisberg! But I ~~xxx~~ also heard that a couple of the members were taking very seriously the complaints of the critics about the babushka lady, so I would ~~gx~~ guess that there are tensions within the Committee which will have to be resolved one way or the other. Right now I have no desire to fight my ~~xxx~~ way onto a sinking ship. (Bud, by the way, seems to have reason to believe that the Senate Committee, which is presumably following up some of the Schweiker Report's leads, might come up with some serious new information. In any case, the House Committee isn't really the only game in town. [I hope Bud sent you his new book. I think it's pretty good - it handles a large number of controversial matters with considerable diplomacy.])

Sincerely,



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