

September 13, 1971

Dear Sylvia,

Thanks so much for the copies of your letter to Belin and his to Kaye Northcott. Yours was excellent, as I expected.

I was just about to make an additional comment about your letter, but my train of thought was interrupted by an advertisement which came on the radio: Arlen Specter urging young people to vote because there is corrup~~XX~~tion in city government. Ho-hum.

The "Post-Mortem" which Harold would like published now includes his lengthy analysis of the Panel Report, plus other autopsy material which he has unearthed. Some of it is probably the strongest evidence we have to date, though Harold has me pledged to confidence. The stuff is really worthy of publication, though it might suffer through Harold's presentation. Why he wants it published ~~immediately~~ I cannot really say. He has just written the last part of the book, which includes the spectacular new evidence. I've read the rough draft and criticized it for him--on content only. He cannot be budged on style. Some of the things he has in it he has known of or possessed since 1969. I think his argument is that what he has discovered since the decision in his suit to get certain pictures of the clothing warrants immediate publication. It entails ~~XXXX~~blatant, probably criminal, and certainly federal destruction of evidence.

I had not drawn the connection between my efforts to publish and Harold's and really, I hesitate to. Harold knows little of the content of my book except its thesis and the fact that it deals heavily with medical matters. He has (to my suspicion) not raised a single question about the book, has never solicited (from me) a single piece of information on it. I think he is afraid to. It seems very possible to me, considering his ego, that he fears I will rob him of the credit he deserves for his work on the medical evidence--which has been physically and financially exhausting for him. If I do receive any kind of noteworthy attention, then, despite all the credit I give him in the book, he will in a way be robbed of proper credit. That is unavoidable, but unfortunately it is intolerable for Harold.

Still no word from the publisher. I am becoming increasingly on edge over this.

I'm quite glad to be back at school. Will probably get a phone. Sorry to be so curt, but there's so much to be done.

Best wishes,

*Howard*