

Special Delivery  
Via Air Mail

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Dear Bill,

I hear that you are doing a piece on Schiller that will reveal the real nature of the beast. This is a real service to the public at large and to the WR critics in particular. Here are some leads, from our mutual editor Bob Ockene, which may be helpful in your research.

First of all, John Dolger of Dell Books (Delacorte) is willing to cooperate with you. He loathes Schiller. When you spoke to him, he merely replied to questions but did not volunteer information. But he has some very interesting material--i.e., Schiller's attempt to trick Dell into doing a hard-cover edition of his "Scavengers" by claiming that Grossman was eager to do it--which was a complete lie--and his offer to do a second book on LSD for Dell, utilizing the material in his LSD book already published by New American Library on grounds of "ambiguities" in his contract with NAL. You can tell Dolger that you are calling at Ockene's suggestion.

Bob suggests also that you contact Allan Ginzburg, about Schiller's LSD record (presumably for Capital Records). Ginzburg was misinformed, misled, and abused.

Finally, Bob suggests that you get in touch with the girl who edited Schiller's LSD book for New American Library (she is no longer with them). You can mention Bob's name. She has plenty of stuff on Schiller. Her name is Carol Sturm Smith, 153 Avenue B, NYC, Phone 212 - 777-5083.

Schiller claims that he spent four days with Garrison at Las Vegas (this is probably true). He taped an interview with him; and he is trying to sell a Garrison book, but none of the publishers are interested, apparently because they feel there is not enough of a story yet to warrant a book. This I got from Ockene, also; but from another source, I heard that Schiller is now persona non grata at Garrison's office. (Schiller apparently is telling publishers that Ed Epstein offered to co-author a Garrison book but that is probably a bald lie.)

I am very hopeful that your expose will serve as a warning and protection to Schiller's future would-be-victims. Fortunately, in a way, I denounced him and his works in a two-page letter BEFORE the record, the Sunday supplement article, and the foul book; and had a chance to read the letter in its entirety on the Barry Gray radio program on January 4th. This puts me on record as having repudiated Schiller and his poison-pen-pal before they produced their malicious and slanderous assaults on the critics. I can provide a copy of the two-page letter, if it would be useful, also, extensive notes of a telephone conversation with a KLAC man raising all sorts of questions about the Ruby tape. Please don't hesitate to let me know if I can be of any help--or Bob Ockene, who will be happy to help if he can. All the best,

As ever,

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