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Dear Tom,

Thanks for your letter of the 12th. I am sorry that you should have formed the impression that our relationship had lapsed. I never thought so but failed to appreciate how much time had passed since our last previous contact. The fact is that I lost so much time last year because of my illness that I have never quite caught up and my internal "clock" has never quite resumed normal operations. Be that as it may, I too am glad that we are now more actively in touch. Please do call me one evening soon and let's arrange to have dinner or (if you prefer) lunch at the UN.

I am enclosing a copy of the Wecht/National Enquirer interview. I am sorry that it is rather light but I had only a poor xerox to copy from. I cannot explain why Wecht made such reckless statements or any statements at all to a rag like the NE. As for what passed between Wecht and me, nothing really passed because I was then at the nadir of my illness and did not care if I lived or died and thus did not really care WHAT happened or failed to happen on the case.

Ed Williams was a stranger who wrote to me after the Clay Shaw trial to say (as none of the pro-Garrison critics ever had the grace to say) that events had proven me to be right about Garrison and to more or less congratulate me for having disowned and blasted Garrison in written and spoken word. It was sheer balm to hear such commendation and from a stranger; we corresponded for a while, met once or twice, and Ed then moved to Ontario and generally out of the scene. He was an interested observer rather than a critic and, despite his initial letter to me, has some strong pro-Garrison feelings still--not the kind of respect born of real regard and sympathy but rather more like the kindly tolerance felt for a cretin who lives in the neighborhood.

Russell Fisher was one of the four eminences who served on the Ramsey Clark panel and examined the autopsy photos and X-rays in 1968 with results released in 1969 on page one of the NY Times.

Roffman is a young man, still under 20 years of age, I believe, who has been Harold Weisberg's protege. Roffman has written an excellent manuscript on the case but has no publisher after two years. He and Harold now regard me as an arch-enemy and quintessential traitor for not having stopped Wecht when I had some influence with him. O, well, you can't lose them all.

My best to you and May,

Affectionately,