

Dear David Shifon  
Enough!

4/15/76

As I told you in our last telephone conversation I began a reply to your letter of January in Mexico. I intended that to be the last thing I would write on the Kennedy assassination and pitched it on a historical-political plane. I meant to zero in on the unbelievable absurdity of your idea that the evaluation of Oswald's "commitment to Marxism or anything else" depends on learning "how he was recruited, when and by who."

In a word you swept away the documented analysis I made of Oswald's political line and, consequently, ineluctably and dialectically, of his enemies' political line which, apparently, is close to yours — without taking the trouble to discuss it or any part of it. This is as offensively bad as Weicht's reply to my letter to him in re his appearance before the Rockefeller Commission which consisted of a plea to believe in his sincerity.

Whatever intentions I had with regard to your letter of Jan 1, vanished when I received your letter of 4/13 with the two "attachments" permitting me to "see" your "dialogue" with Paul Hoch with whom you are and "have been ... on the best of terms." A dialogue, my dear Lillian, is an intercourse between at least two persons. You sent me only your side of the "dialogue." Why did you discriminate against your friend? Why don't you want me to Xerox your "attachments"? By what presumption do you send me material <sup>of your own making</sup> and forbid me to show it to my collaborators? By what right do you try to withhold information from people intent on exposing the true nature of an historic event? At the same time that you thank me for "information" about the Perry-Clark transcript?

Instead of this subjective nonsense you sent me about your efforts to gain space in the Scott-Hoch anthology, why didn't you send me a copy of the "kind" death certificate which I told you I tried but failed to get from Texas?

If you send it, include a factual statement about Oswald's arraignment or non-arraignment for the murder of Kennedy together with <sup>ally</sup> what you know of Hersh's report which is definite - there was no arraignment - without conditions.

And I want Mrs. Pat Lambert's address so I can write to her. Maybe she is the political collaborator I am looking for.

But whatever you know spare me any more letters and "eyes-only" attachments. You are 36 and may overcome the severe handicap under which you are laboring, but I am 72, my time is short, my abilities are decreasing, my patience is wearing out, and I do not accord you the right to speed my demise.

Tom Starn