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Dear Kerry,

I wrote you about the Mark Lane broadcast for your information, as I also informed numerous other persons by telephone or letter. As for "proving" that he is lying, or "convincingly arguing it in a few paragraphs," well, I am not certain that I can do either with complete success but I am writing about the broadcast in an article for the September issue of *The Minority of One*. Others are, of course, entirely free to investigate, analyze, and write about the Lane broadcast, or, preferably, about his forthcoming article in the *LA Free Press*, if it appears. Since I do not have a transcript of his broadcast, I hope he does repeat his allegations in print, from which I would be able to quote. My purpose in alerting others to Lane's broadcast was to prevent it being taken as reliable or truthful; but, in fact, almost everyone immediately recognized it as a falsehood, and I did not have to exercise persuasion.

You will understand from the above that your request for raw material on Lane presents me with some difficulty. I intend to use any material I have in my own writing on the case, whether in articles or in a further book. And I hope that you will not misunderstand if I question the wisdom of your "writing many articles on the Garrison thing from here on out." From all the information I have received from David Lifton and from you, it appears that you are an innocent victim of Garrison's machinations; but you are also an interested party. Isn't it more effective when a third party who has no personal stake in the outcome presents the facts to the reading public? I know that Richard Billings of *LIFE* is taking a most active interest in your case and is writing it up; Edward Jay Epstein has done a major article on Garrison which will be published in a matter of weeks (though please keep this confidential for the moment) in the *New Yorker*, which is giving the entire issue to the article; and, as I told you earlier, my first letter to you is being published in *The Minority of One*.

I am not able to follow your reasoning when you say that the Lane broadcast makes it clear that Garrison is "going to try for a fascist take-over." So far as I know, Garrison has neither confirmed nor denied Lane's allegations, and I have no reason to think that he authorized or had any prior knowledge of the broadcast by Lane. But if it turns out that he did, it would seem to me to signify a desperate attempt to gain back attention to and credence of his "investigation," which only the underground press (or part of it) seems to take seriously. I do not see how it can signify anything so grandiose as a fascist take-over by Garrison or his backers. In fact, if I may say so, that is exactly the kind of sweeping accusation he is given to making.

My first letter to you (dated 25 May 1968) is being printed and certainly can be quoted. My letters of 2 and 8 June 1968 were personal and I prefer that they not be quoted without my prior agreement, to the excerpt or excerpts to be quoted and the context in which they are presented. In future, I will try to indicate when material is confidential, so as to avoid misunderstandings.

I gather that no one except Arnoni reacted to my letter of 25 May in terms of cash? That is rather disappointing. Let me know any new developments, and I will do the same. With friendly good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

