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Dear Sylvia,

Enclosed are two things I would like you to read and return as soon as possible. Dave writes telling me he has sent you a copy of the Weisberg letter, already.

The ~~████~~ CALL FOR HELP is addressed to my libertarian friends. I enclose it for your approval of my use of your quoted words.

I've just learned that Weisberg is engaged in a vast letter-writing ~~████~~ campaign behind my back, painting me as some kind of wretched monster and vomiting out distortion~~████~~, innuendo, and outright falsehood faster than I can ever hope to refute it on a point-by-point basis.

One point which may come up in your mind is that I did not hesitate to go to the FBI when I thought I could help avenge Oswald's murder. ~~████~~ My present views on the concept of retributive justice did not come into being until 1964 — before that time, while having essentially the same philosophy I do now, I was very much on the Ayn Rand trip, which took awhile to outgrow. This is the major factor accounting for differences between my ~~████~~ beliefs then and now.

Since the misunderstanding of my "rightwingism" has played such a large role in alienating the critical community to my cause, apparently, and in also contributing to my arrest, I've asked that you and others be sent literature by a few of the outfits with which I am in one way or another associated — so you can see what fascist monsters we are and how incompetent was Garrison's investigation of me.

I noticed you marked Eric Norden to receive a copy of your letter on my case. Has he yet defected from the ranks of the Garrison gang?

If you or anyone else gets poison pen letters from Hal, I'd appreciate an opportunity to answer any new charges.

It appears that Penn Jones, Jr. — who knows a friend of mine — is at least somewhat inclined to give consideration to my case. I sent him a six or seven page letter refuting the infamous 21 February "press release" that Garrison issued and some other notes on the probe, but have not heard from him yet.

PS - I don't know whether Hal's wonderful letters (he sent two) have influenced Bryan not to run my column or not — but he has. I am almost certain been responsible for Art Kunkin's mysterious and otherwise inexplicable silence on my case. Art is a border-line paranoid, anyhow.

Shanti,  
Kerry

How do you cope with this kind of man?