

3/6/93

Dear Bill,

This is so that with all the insanity that is causing much turmoil and distress from Harry Livingstone I'll not forget. My Hopkins appointment is for April 2. I think it is not likely that the polyp removal will then be ~~see~~ scheduled for before your planned trip. I'm glad you gave me the days so that if it is offered for then I'll be able to delay it until after you are here.

Livingstone is I think legitimately crazy now. He has been making all sorts of written and verbal threats against many of us, including a fine woman who has had a series of illnesses and accidents and whose husband is in terminal illness. She developed a panic reaction and is under a doctor's care for it. That troubled several of us. One result is that the Baltimore police have started an internal investigation over two of the force who've been working for Livingstone and using the police computer system in it.

Someone told a friend that these threats, of which I have a number addressed to me and to others about me, violate USC 18, sections 875, 876. If it is no trouble and if you have them in your office, would you please send me copies so I'll understand better? This source, who just passed his bar, also says that Article 27 of the Maryland code, section 561, is pertinent. I'll try to get that locally.

If you have any knowledge of ^{general} threats being actionable, I'd sure like to know. *(not to kill)*

But please do not take any real time for this. Eventually I'll probably get them from other sources.

I'm working with the police internal investigation. Yesterday I had calls from two I'd suggested be questioned. One is an FBI agent. We spoke for about 45 minutes last night.

If I do not hear more from the detective assigned to the inquiry I probably will from a friend I know would be involved and who looked the detective up before the detective could get to him. This friend, also a policeman with a master's in criminology, will probably be in touch with me before long.

To me very interesting legal question may at some point come up in all of this. Livingstone is using the money he got from Carroll & Graf, an advance on a few books when they know he is crazy. Does that make C & G in any sense liable?

If I get a chance, I may pose this question to the police.

This stationery is a reflection of my campaign to save trees and energy that began with the 1973 energy crisis. I wrote the entire new book on paper clear on one side and I now have so much I'm using it for other things. And I'll have much more!

Best to you both,

Harold

3/7/93, later: Here is the letter to Cooper. I'll be making the package later and it will be in the morning mail, book rate, letter enclosed with books. I hope it is OK. It has been and continues to be sort-of chaotic. But do not take time for legal citations on the Livingstone insanity. A young friend did that for another friend and she has xeroxes in the mail for me. It is taking time but we are helping the police make a solid case. I do not know what they intend but I have already given some copies of mailed threats to the post office and more are in the mail that I'll also give it. Collecting more information and witnesses for them and have more letters to write to arrange still more. As the Maryland code was read to me he violated it. I'll be asking the police about that. I also have a case of theft against one of the silly and greedy cops who worked for Livingstone. I'll ask them about that, too. Meanwhile, old friends are due soon. The man, when Washington correspondent for The Times of London wrote the story on the back cover of Photo Whitewash. He is now International Monetary Fund information officer. His wife teaches anthropology.

Reur 3/1, if I did not tell you, the young friend who did Reasonable Doubt as his master's thesis is with Unsolved Mysteries. He was here with them a couple of weeks ago, on the King assassination, to be aired 3/31. Thanks for giving those copies to people.

The odds and ends are interesting. I see that, it seems, Israel makes calendars for export. Interesting on the dogs with the big New York bombing so fresh.

I've been told that the 6/23 transcript has been released but it was not sent to me. I'll see if Lesar has it.

Re CE 360: I think there is a combination of factors, beginning with a picture not as good as it could have been. Then the loss in printing. With the picture taken in the late afternoon, with the show being cast by the TSB.

You refer to the so-what attitude of so many people regard a coup. Think of how many were witting and then and since have been silent. It not only can happen here - it did!

If as you say your new interest has made you sharper and you'd just won another "impossible" case, the time is well spent!

1. I think Ruby was more likely what you refer to as an historical accident than anything else.
2. We have no factual basis for knowing that Oswald was paid for any services but that he was not just in the USSR out of idle curiosity is a reasonable belief. The KGB suspecter he was a sleeper agent or an agent in place.
3. Oswald as an industrial spy - perhaps but I do not think he was sent to do anything like that. They ~~are~~ have used one with some industrial background for that. He was not a Jim Rogers, I'm sure. But what you say about some of the things he wrote is correct. I went into what he wrote about the factory in which he worked. Forgot which book. But I think it is wrong for the new CIA director to want to include official industrial spying.

Took me a year of effort with AP for it to get the Altgen negative and print it

for me.

By and large Kirkwood was not unfair. He was partisan, having Shaw's tastes, but any partisanship was not unjustified. I can't begin to tell you how terrible Garrison was and I'm ashamed of not having confronted it earlier. That is a story that may interest you. I have a fair amount of it in a memo and documents. What he did not just make up he stole and embellished upon. Kirkwood never spoke to me. And I never laid eyes on Shaw.

Thinking positive for me is not the Derby, it is the Orioles. Their third pre-season game has been on the radio for a half hour. When I finish this absent the delayed guests I'll be packaging books to the rest of the game.

But the Derby was big in the working-class, largely Italian, neighborhood in which I grew up. They were all crazy over the nags. Especially my barber.

Another word on the fruit: not even a bruised one and we are down to the last two grapefruit. You asked about the size. "nought for two. And excellent!

Again thanks and our best,