

Dear Bill,

5/22/95

Reluctant as I am to suspend work on Mailer's Tales, now nearing about 90,000 words, I have other letters to respond to, including two more from those who just got and read Case Open, so that for your 5/19 and interesting enclosures.

Reprinting the first page of its VE-day issue was an interesting thing for the Chitrib to do. Interesting that the Swiss picked that day to confess. But it was not alone in refusing to accept Jews who got out of Germany. An entire shipload got here and was not permitted to land. About 6,000 Jewish children were gathered in the south of Et Vichy France and not a country in the world would accept them. They burned, too. In 1942 I had contact with the European undergrounds, several, including the Poles and had an inkling from them of what was going on and could not place that article. I gave it to a very small Jewish monthly.

The Boudin you refer to as Louis, one of the great appeals lawyers. He was I think Izzy Stone's brother-in-law. His daughter was in with those crazies. AN FBI informer who was a minureman penetrated them in the guise of teaching them how to make bombs taught them wving about fulminate of mercury and that is really why that town house in the Village blew up. Boudin's daughter is one who escaped it.

If you do not want McNamara's book back, yes, but I do not know when I can get to reading it. I've only skimmed the papers and haven't been reading a book in more than a month, concentrating on writing that much.

Aside from the quality of the rushed writing I think this will be a powerful and an important book. More than Case Open before its butchery. More also as media commentary, too.

With Case Open, which had my address on it, I was flooded by this time. As of now not a word from any other than friends. I've heard much on non-availably bit have only one favorable comment on sales: Birders in Madison, WI sold out and reordered. Seven book stores in Dallas whose customer Mary Ferrell has been did not have the book. One offered to special order it for three copies, which she then ordered.

I appreciate the compliment at the end, thanks.

Best to you all,