

5/13/72

Dear Sylvia and Howard (cc JP),

For the time being this must be confidential, for reasons that will be apparent.

Almost as soon as I got home from a full and tiring trip yesterday supertime, I got a call from an old friend who is to produce or moderate (or both) an Advocates show for use the closest appearance to 11/22/73, tentatively titled something like or including 10 Years Later or After. I was too preoccupied (my wife had just turned her ankle and a sick brother-in-law had just died) to pay close enough attention.

He asked me to appear. I asked him the format. Three on each side, before he had a chance to tell me his plans for our side, if any, I asked him to have the two of you with me for the three on our side. He plans for the other Ball, Liebeler and Belli.

This is a reporter who is an old and tried friend. You are not obligated. At this point the only other person who comes readily to mind as adequately equipped with knowledge is Paul Hoch. In time he will be doing a book. If either of you is unwilling to accept if the offer is made, please let me know. They will pay expenses to LA or Hollywood, where the show will be taped.

I do hope both of you will accept, for I believe, for various reasons, you are the best prepared for this. And how I hope he can get the other three!

No time for more. Trip remarkably successful on Ray stuff. If you see anything on Frank's stuff, almost anything can be helpful. He blabs and this can get into court. If you know of any appearance, a tape could be of possible usefulness, for he blabs even more before an open mike, driven by a compulsion for self-justification, among other things. He is letting slip what can be used in court and I am fairly confident will be. I recognize you may not have time, but if you can...

best,