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Dear Steve,

Thanks for keeping me posted. Please continue to. There is, I regret to say, little chance Liebeler will sound off. It will hurt him too much and help me too much, and until he is desperate he is not about to do either. Maggie had given me the essence. Thanks for the few particulars you add. Each of those guys got his money's worth. The few errors in the book are Liebeler's fault, and he is insane if he draws attention to his own shortcomings. So far as the Altgens picture, Dave can buy that from the AP and have an original print.

I am curious to know if he made his "analysis" of WWII for Liebeler or had already made it and then "traded" it. He has his own problems and will have to work them out his own way. I hope he can.

When I was out in California I saw him because he was pestering Bill. I told him nothing he could not take to Liebeler, and I presume he did. The same thought applies to him: he will have to decide whether he is Jeykll or Hyde.

I have the ~~New Orleans~~ New Orleans book done except for part of ^a chapter. I will now try and finish the one on Manchester with a little work at the same time of III. It has some important things in it.

Milwaukee at the moment is hardly worthy any effort. Despite the very fine work by the fine people of the Wesley Foundation, the attendance was the smallest I recall. I did try to interest them in forming their own branch of the CCI. Those students I met were very decent men and women. Rev. Jerry Cross is a grand guy. They tried hard.

There will probably be a nasty newspaper story, and there was a good two-hour radio program.

I'll know more about what is likely in New Orleans soon, for I'm going there. From my own work I know the sensations that are possible. I think there are powerful forces now uniting and achieving some successes, but I have no doubt about the end. One of those nuts down there may sue me. I hope he does - it will help no end.

Cross tried to interest SDS and the Deomcretic Club in cooperating, but without success.

And it is good to know that Liebeler has a first-generation copy of the Altgens pictures and still remains silent. My last letter from Dave says Liebeler hates him as much as me...If Liebeler says anything at all dare him to invite me out to debate him, in my name, at UCLA or elsewhere, under your sponsorship or others, particularly if it can be arranged for TV. I do not think he will say anything, but grab that the opportunity of he does.

My regards to everyone, and again, thanks.

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DEAR HAROLD -

SORRY THIS IS NOT TYPED BUT I THINK YOU
CAN READ IT.

I WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT MR. LIFTON. I
KNOW MAGGIE MENTIONED IT TO YOU, BUT YOU SHOULD HEAR
IT FROM THE 1ST PARTY.

WHEN I INTRODUCED A MEMBER OF THE
SAN FRANCISCO CCI TO DAVE, HE STAYED US
FOR 6 OR 7 HOURS, HIS CAMOUFLAGE THEORY. IN
THE COURSE OF IT, WE SAW HIS 1ST GENERATION COPY
OF THE ALTBENS FOTO & HE SAID HE HAD TRADED AN
OUTLINE OF THE 'ERRORS' IN WHITENASH II TO LIEBELER
FOR IT. BEING AWARE OF THE RUMORS THAT LIFTON DID
THIS SORT OF THING, I FELT THAT THIS SUBSTANTIATION
OF THOSE RUMORS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF
ANYONE WHO COULD BE HURT SHOULD HE CONFIDE IN LIFTON.
WHEN I WAS IN SAN FRANCISCO FOR THE MARCH, I SPOKE
TO THIS CCI MEMBER AND HE, TOO, REMEMBERS THAT STATEMENT.

LIFTON FIRST HEARD THAT I HAD REPEATED HIS
STATEMENT FROM MAGGIE AT WHICH TIME HE TOLD HER SOMETHING
LIKE, "YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND WHY I DID IT." HE CALLED
ME TEN MINUTES LATER AND, BESIDES CALLING ME A
'SHYSTER' AND A 'MACHIAVELLIAN POLITICIAN', HE DENIED EVER
SAYING IT OR DOING IT. HE WAS LYING ONE TIME OR
THE OTHER

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AT ANY RATE, THIS IS ENOUGH TIME TO
SPEND ON LIFTON. I'M SURE HE'LL WRITE TO YOU
AND TRY TO EXCUSE HIMSELF. I DO FEEL, HOWEVER,
THAT I WAS RIGHT IN TELLING THE CRITICS,

THE MARCH IN S.F. WAS OVER 75,000 PEOPLE
DESPITE WHAT YOU MAY READ IN THE NEWSPAPERS. TOO MANY
SPEAKERS AT THE RALLY WERE LIBERALS (STOP BOMBING ONLY)
THOUGH.

EVERYTHING IS FINE HERE + BILL IS JUST DOING
GREAT.

WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO WHAT YOU HAVE ON
LIEBELER + WHITEWASH III. DON'T WORK YOURSELF
TO DEATH.

BEST WISHES,

Steve