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Dear Mark,

During my early-morning walking I thought more about your call yesterday evening and the question you posed, what is the right thing to do re the Baltimore police inquiry. What I said is that we should be honest with Adams and as informative as possible. I also told you that if I intended to harm Richard I could do that by charging him with the theft that Harry confirmed to you and by reporting him to IRS. If I hear from Adams again or if I file charges against Harry I'll tell at least the first, in part because depending on the detail and direction of the police inquiry, it may help them.

We like Richard although we soon perceived, as my wife put it, he is a boy in a man's body. No need for the details now.

As I thought about it more this morning I think this police inquiry can be very helpful to the honest people working in this field with most of whom, as you know, I disagree. But too many are thieves, beginning with Mark Lane and his first book and exaggerated by Garrison. ^{Some day} So ~~day~~ I should do an oral history on him and that fiasco.

Whether or not the police do something publicly, the word will get around, more if they file charges against Richard and Marco, perhaps also Harry.

I think it will be good for all the crooks, not just Richard, to learn a lesson. It may be, young as he is, and in so many ways immature, punishment will be good for Richard. Nothing will do Harry and good except the medical care he needs.

I told Adams that I do not recall Richard's use of the word "computer" but at the same time I made it clear that he reflected the use of it. The more I think about it the more I believe that he did say he was using the police computer. I told Adams he is welcome to go ~~xx~~ over and copy whatever he wants of my files. If he calls me again I think I'll tell him the rest and I believe it can be used to learn from Lifton whether Richard used the police computer for Lifton, as he may well have.

I ~~see, see~~ ^{enclose} the last letter I got from Richard and my reply. If in the copying his heavy highlighting does not show it was of his fourth graf.

You'll see that he swore again, this time on his life, that he did not take the analysis I did of Best Evidence and the IDW records that Lifton got from it. Of the latter ^{may have been} ~~were~~ two envelopes. He returned one and placed it when nobody would ever think to look for it. He kept the analysis and the records relating to the sending of the Fort Myer honor guard to Andrews and what followed that. *Nobody else ever had them.*

I am also troubled that Carroll & Graf, knowing that he is crazy and impossible to deal with, contracted this horror Harry is working on. It won't be a bad idea of the greedy publishers also learn a lesson. And if they gave Harry an advance on the book they may be involved because ^{4/} he used their money. I would appreciate being kept informed. Best,

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