

9/8/70

Dear Mary,

We did enjoy your visit very much, and it helped us also to relax a bit with a friend, not to "work".

Enclosed is a copy of the letter I felt I had to write Sylvia late last night, when I was tired. After I wrote it I was again sleepless, which is exceptional. I'm sending Gary a copy of that also. But nobody else.

Apropos of Bud and the Bud problem, the letter to which I referred while we were driving to the airport are enclosed. If you want to keep them, okay, but I'd prefer that you just know, for I would prefer to keep these things to the minimum. I have gone over my financial records and I assure you I did not make any mistake in what I told you. He has never given me a cent, for me. The cost of the room for the press conference, when he decided he didn't want it in his office, was \$30.00. So, I am left with the problem of considering what he considers what is my due, or what I'm entitled to, in the light of what is current. This even includes less than fortarigatness in representing when they must present in court what comes from my book. As you know, when he called he indicated there was no rush, but when the second-hand report from Sprague got here yesterday it was three weeks. Today I asked Bud. It is 9/15, and the book cannot even be in type by then.

Meanwhile, knowing as you do the content of CGUP II, and I tell you it is the essence, and that I got him his client, this giving him both his case and his evidence, I suggest you read the Enquirer story you got here and ask yourself if he isn't saying that his committee and he did these things with which they had no more connection than you. How long I can continue to accept this kind of thing and retain any self-respect I do not know.

But a more important question is how much of this kind of thing can we survive? It was different when I could print my work myself. Now I not only cannot but must spend a very considerable amount of time cleaning up needless messes and in attempting to prevent the catastrophes the egos and the ants spend so much time designing.

I've just glanced at my letter of 7/29, and I report to you that he did not pay for the costs of filing the clothing/pictures suit but asked it of my and I immediately gave him a check. I suggest this also gives us a perspective on his committee and its real function. This eliminates the possibility that it is to advance the work we all do. It thus becomes an ego thing for him and possibly some of them. However, where this cost includes the mailing of a copy of the suit papers back to me from the court, I have not yet received them. Unless the court made an exceptional error, the only conclusion I can draw is that they were returned to his committee (he had no knowledge this a.m.). Jim Lasser took them to the court for me. This was necessary only because they did not keep their appointment with me, delaying everything for several hours (that I wasted) until it was too late to get them to court that day, hence Jim offered to do it the next morning on the way in. It has just occurred to me that, with Jim having given me the number of the suit, he likely got it from the returned papers.

While I think you know I am reaching the end of what I can tolerate - and I think most people would have reached that point long before this - you and Gary have my word I will do what I can to avoid any complications or unpleasantnesses, so that we may still be able to work together.

By the way, Bud said he phoned several times and there was no answer. I said we went out only for supper and he said that is when he phoned. Best,