

Dear Rich: *Edelman*

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Got your letters of April 26 and May 6. Thanks.

I have been very busy between being hastled by the draft board, professional responsibilities and problems, and countless other things of late. One of my professors was arrested in a Nazi-SS type raid which was quite unbelievable. I will send clippings and stuff to fill you in because it could happen in Ithaca too.

I have had some recent luck in reaching some establishment people which has been encouraging, although the political situation looks progressively more dismal. Many campus radicals, at least here, are finally beginning to use their heads at least.

Powers was in touch with our group through his writera Harold W. and Paul H. offered help and gave some, but the final result was probably what Powers and his co-author had planned. They made the age old elementary mistake of misnaming CD 931 by forgetting the word "classified" which is quite a significant part of that title. Agreed that it will raise the old spectre of communism. As Harold has frequently pointed out, the Russians scarcely needed LHO to bring down the U-2. It would be interesting if he was sent there to insure that they would do it though.

Skolnick is a nut and a trouble maker. Harold has tried to do something about him since his suit is spurious and could hurt legitimate attempts. Some thing that it is possible that Skolnick is more than a nut and is purposely trying to offset the legal action underway. It blows my mind that he, a nobody represented by a nobody law firm gets big publicity while Weisberg, an established critic with a good lawyer, gets none. Harold has sued under the same law for all documents dealing with the King assassination and has won hands down. They didn't even want to go into court against him.

Dick Sprague sent me a copy of his article which is in the May edition of "Computers and Automation." I haven't had time to read it. Some of it is good--i.e. a list of photos. I have doubts about the application of computers to such evidence, and also have doubts about some of what I saw when I glanced through, and the stuff that the press is covering. Dick has been with the case for several years and came along after Garrison. He was Garrison's principal photo man and unfortunately did some careless things publicly. Going to see Dick would be interesting for you, and it would give you a chance to see his photos. You can use my name since he is a friend. In fact, he cited me as someone who urged him to do this work near the end of the article.

I haven't gotten any calls from Pat, but she may have tried and not been able to get through. She has always been a poor correspondent.

Well, I'd better go. Please let me know when you will be at what address. If you really plan to visit Dick Sprague, let me know and I will write him first to help you do it. He has a huge photo collection.

Best wishes and good luck in finals.

*Sam*