

Dear Mick,

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This is what might be called a nonprogress report. For some of the time since the morning you phoned when I was not home I've not been up to present snuff and did other work and pretty much the rest of the time was taken by daily needs, answering letters and packaging books plus more than the usual medical interruptions, appointments, etc.

On the latter I return to the Johns Hopkins research branch of the hospital tomorrow night for another sleep test, this one with a mask or several, to determine whether there is one I can wear and thus get slightly compressed air at night, to get the air past the breathing constriction in the throat. This will mean a very long day and interrupted but little sleep. By the time I'm home Tuesday, another local medical appointment. Perhaps I'll not be too tired to get a little work done Tuesday afternoon before Dave Wrone comes, but that is unlikely. and the rest of the week I'll be helping him with a book he is writing. On the former, I spent the time instead reading a stack of 16 inches of records from the CIA, mostly that had been referred to the CIA for permission to disclose. That, anyway, is done. There was interesting information in all that junk.

I'd also prepared a statement to be filed with the four or five committees considering legislation to compel disclosure of JFK assassination records. I've gotten excellent comments on it from my professor friends and a lawyer friend of my youth but not a word about it from Jim Lesar, who had promised before I began writing it and when I sent him the copies to deliver them. It relates to the CIA's promise of new openness and Director Gates' testimony to this. He gave the Senate a few pages, about 110, mostly if not entirely disclosed earlier while I got the thousands that same week from the FBI, CIA information he did not give the Senate. Aside from going into that I went into what the CIA had suppressed for all these years after I requested it, and used that to <sup>present</sup> bring new information about its improper domestic activities, including against me. With a prima facie case of E. Howard Hunt's interference with publication of Whitewash in 1965 and his involvement in the campaign to impeach Justice Douglas, along with the CIA asset he used as a cover, the Mullen Agency. and lo! in the records I just got there is proof of one of my allegations, that Helms had committed perjury before the Watergate committee to protect the CIA when he testified that he introduced Hunt to the Mullen Agency after Hunt retired from the CIA. In fact Hunt had been working there for years. One of the FBI records includes the statement of a public stenographer he used in 1960 to type some of his preparations for the Bay of Pigs fiasco. She is quite specific, he then worked at Mullen, to her knowledge. More on Mullen that I developed years ago I do not take your time with, But I think you can see the release of what Gates did not disclose, like this information the CIA had authorized the FBI to give me, proof of Helms' perjury if not also of Hunt's, too.

It saddens me that as intelligent a man as Jim is he neglects what can be useful, like this, and instead is crapping around arranging for of all things a press conference

next week for the Dr. Crenshaw of the fake JFK assassination book, the press conference signed, his publisher, cancelled. (The Secret Service phone logs and records of LBJ's travels that day, the day Crenshaw says LBJ phoned him to order that they get a confession from Oswald, establishes the almost certain impossibility of such a call. I have copies of these records.)

There is, however, a slight indication of possible progress. I do not now remember whether I sent you copies of my correspondence with Frank Mankiewicz, of Hill & Knowlton, Stone's door-openers.

What JAMA did was aimed at Stone. I wrote Mankiewicz telling him frankly, I think without his or Stone's perception of the full meaning of it, that I saw an opportunity for what I think of as intellectual judo. I asked him for copies of the article and any stories on it before the release date. In response he sent me copies of a few clippings. I've forgotten what else he asked me or how I responded except to express the belief that having cashed in all he could expect Stone's interests lay elsewhere hence I supposed also his did. There was a delay in his response. I am inclined to attribute this to the time it took Stone to get free of what then tied him up and get back. In any event, I got a letter saying they both remained interested and what did I have in mind. I rushed to tell him to get it into the mail so he can have it early next week, that I have a book in mind and what it will say.

Would it not be the assertion of intellectual judo if Stone should not help me? Without any tainting of me or change in my position on anything at all?

The more obvious intellectual judo is using what JAMA did against JAMA, using its strength and influence against it, both as a means of bringing what refutes them to light? Top bad I do not have time to rewrite these things I do in haste but if Mankiewicz is interested he'll take a few more moments if he finds what is not as clear as it should have been. And I invited him up to see some of the documentation.

In any event, it now looks like I'll not be able to get much if anything more done for another week. And then there may be an interruption if I can use this mask and have to be equipped with it and the air-pressuring device.

If I did not tell you, I wrote what I intend for the first chapter in a steno's notebook in odds and ends of free moments. I've not since looked at it. I have what I intend as the second chapter pretty much on paper, also unread. And I've begun two more chapters, one very little, to remind me, and the other is some detail, with documentation, telling the story that the crime itself was never official investigated and was not intended to be investigated. I'll finish these up before getting into the meat, the JAMA article and underlying interviews. and oh! HOW THEY ALL LIED! As I'll bracket with truth and fact, documented. It should be exciting and so important a book that will also lend itself, as I did not tell Mankiewicz, to a documentary. Best to all, Harold