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Dear Trent,

If Carol has gotten orders for several of her posters from a Washington correspondent of the Times of London, now she knows how. He saw them here.

I do not get the "honor" of One and hence cannot keep up with Sylvia. Her attitudes toward Epstein change, and I am without ~~fixa~~ criticism of any of them, for they are her right, and I know that whatever she says, whenever she says it, she then is serious and means it, and none of us has a monopoly on error.

You are right about Canyon, but I think ultimately it may be worse than you think. I have gotten, not from them, some of the letters they wrote. They were very dishonest and they were dealing behind my back from before I learned about it, from my own sources. With their permission, I have them on tape on this. Someday it will be an interesting part of the history of the period, for these men make the pretense of progressivism. Canyon is not a subsidiary of Grove. Grove's general counsel has an interest in Canyon. However, there is no chance Grove would have gotten interested in any of my work. In early 1968 Rosset would not even consider reading any book on the subject. Mark's history there is other than he represents. He broke his contract, never did deliver the contracted book, never delivered it by contracted and advertised publication date and, on the last word I had from his agent, never returned the advance. That really turned Rosset off!

I have no spare copy of any manuscript. I sent one to California that was to have been returned two weeks ago and all I have about it is misinformation. I have a copy of each in New York City, where a young woman friend is trying to help with them. She now has them, I think, being read. However, you might phone her. If and when she has them back, she might lend you them for a weekend, something like that. She has several prospective publishers so she will need them every minute they can be in a publisher's hands. She is Dorothy Mattimore, Author's Roundtable, 342 Madison Ave., 661-1943, I think.

I have been doing some of my own work on RFK. Perhaps it will fit with what you are on, perhaps not. Check if you'd like.

Although I yearn so to get back onto TIGER TO RIDE, I am always thinking of other, topical things. Right now I have the notion that if there were any publisher interest, I ought to do a fast book on Oswald as an agent. I have some, much, unpublished stuff on this and what relates. The National Guardian has written with a hint they are going in for book publishing. I have suggested this to them.

I haven't heard from Bernabei for a while. My last two letters were returned. Have you any recent word? I suspect Gary Schencor is back in the hospital. I phoned since the other night, hoping to learn. He was not in and hasn't returned the call.

Best to all,

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Sept. 11, 1968.

Dear Harold:

Many thanks for the newsy letter. I value your opinions (just as I do Sylvia's!), and I like to keep up with the direction in which people are heading. Somehow you have the energy to be going in many directions at once, which sometimes is almost too much for me!

Flo strikes me as being a person who helps in the way she did with the Kunstler firm...a quick introduction, and that's it. I don't know many people who have a finger in as many things as Flo does, or knows as many people. But that kind of diversification limits the extent to which you can involve yourself with any one thing. Too bad, because she's a powerhouse of energy in turning other people on.

As far as I know, Eric Norden is still in England, where he has been for the last couple of months, working on one thing or another. If I hear anything on him, or on anyone else with information on the Malcolm X assassination, I'll let you know.

I speak with Sylvia frequently, but usually on areas other than New Orleans. I doubt very much that she's helping Epstein with his book, because she's quite annoyed with him over his "pervasive softness" on the Report, as indicated in a slight way in her current Minority of One article. We only yell at each other when we discuss New Orleans, so we try to keep to topics where our objectivity can be of value.

It's too bad about Canyon Books and the court case, which I just recently read about in the papers. Their lack of defense not only lost them the case, but it puts you in a bad light if you ever come into the courtroom on one of these cases. A very bad legal precedent, and one that could have an adverse affect on future publication of your books, if publishers don't understand the truth behind it. And Canyon being a subsidiary of Grove Press, that would shoot down my thought that Grove might be a good one for your new books.

I will do my best to read COUP D'ETAT and POST-MORTEM as quickly as possible, in two or three days, if you can arrange for me to get copies. And someday I'd also like to see ▲ CITIZEN'S DESCENT, although the others are more urgent now. And of course I will keep the contents confidential; except, as you say, in terms of talking to publishers. In any case, the only person I usually confide in is Dick Sprague, but we both keep our secrets when required to by other considerations. Also, please let me know which publishers not to go to, because of previous experiences, or current 'no's.

We are hot on the tail of some new stuff on the RFK situation, and if we come up with it, we'll have a great press conference in a couple of weeks. Meanwhile, we are working toward the anniversary and the researcher's convention, which we will expand to cover the Sunday, so that we can arrange for the researchers to have as much time together as possible before our second year, and before the trials begin.

That's it for now, looking forward to hearing from you.

Trent