

9/5/67

Dear Dave,

Thanks for your letter 8/31 and enc., which I'll read as soon as I can.

This acknowledges receipt and makes a few comments based on letter only.

When I first saw Zap film, 16 mm version, about 3/66, I was struck by the fact that there are two discontinuous head snaps, the first forward and the second backward. Frame 284 is missing in Vol 18, 283 appears twice. Perhaps this is the point. I've not taken time to try and dope out from reproduced slides which I know cannot 100% be trusted. When I did WWII and wrote this up, and remembers, there had been no hint of either head snap at that time, I feared I'd be considered a nut and I went back and weakened this part. But I took a lawyer from one of the country's most prominent law firms there to see it. The forward movement is first and separate from the rear, as the frames in the books show of the letter. Forward is shorter, not as violent.

If I have any constructive comment to make after I read your paper, I'll write you.

Has Liebler explained his chickening out when he had a chance to stand up and, under oath, tell the world what kind of straightforward, thorough and, of course, honest and competent investigation he conducted in New Orleans? He is lucky Garrison's staff didn't unplug him. When they spoke to him and asked him, instead of issuing an immediate subpoena, he said he have to talk to others first. Then he declined, then he went to court and told the judge he had essential things to do that prevented it (like vacationing).

Boy, is he a hero!

About now he should be looking around for the best stocked former air-raid shelter. He'll want to hibernate for a while - soon. When the truth of what he did in New Orleans - and didn't - do is public, he'll wish all people had to say about him is what I did in WWII.

I bear him no particular good will, but if I did and he asked for advice, it would be to line up a law firm that will have him and grab. People will soon be wondering what kind of lawyers teach their children the law and its practise.

Before the first anniversary of it, he'll be wishing he'd taken the advice I gave you for him in December.

I doubt if he or most others have stopped to think of it, but by the time Garrison gets through putting in the evidence I know he has, what I found for myself without the facilities and staff of a district-attorney's office, to many people, like Liebler, it will make little difference if the conspiracy charge does not stick. The facts are that awful. Liebler will be begging people to believe he is only thoroughly incompetent.

Sincerely,

Hal