

Newark, N. J.

22 February 1968

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Re: Our telephone conversation
Sunday, 18 February 1968.

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I am very surprised and disappointed to learn that you too have been taken by Sanders lies, contradictions, and misrepresentations, considering your intelligence and background. I did not expect that. However, I am used to disappointments in this case.

I am going to tell and present you with some facts, here, Mr. Weisberg, honestly, bluntly, man to man, and nothing I wouldn't say to your face. The first one is: that following my conversation with you, I consulted with some people in the N.Y.C. area who I will refer to more specifically later in this letter. They told me you were a very dangerous man and warned me not to write you or have any further contact or dealings with you except thru my attorney. I don't operate that way, but-I do have an attorney.

I will not attempt a rehash of the case, your visit to S.F., or of Sanders et al since it is all abundantly covered in the enclosures included and following, which I suggest you read carefully for your further enlightenment. You may also find them interesting.

Re: Sanders, New Orleans trip, my belongings and files, et al: I was there. I know what happened. I know that Thomas Williams Sanders deceived you, deliberately, lied to you blatantly, misrepresented the facts, omitted important ones, and you apparently bought all or most of it. That is your business, & problem.

The logic of events (and certain specific actions taken and being taken) will show who lied and why, and the specific roles, involvements, and responsibilities of all major principles in this case. You will learn thru what follows that I told the truth, and that you, Morgan, Alcock, and the others involved should have acted on that fact and not on the assumptions based on Sanders lies, etc.

When I consider what I know about what is going on in the world today, what's coming, the enormity of the responsibility of what you are doing, the importance of honesty, accuracy, and principled action, it sickens me that YOU could be taken by a phony bastard like Sanders, who I admit, puts on a pretty good act and show. I want to remind you that I probably saw more of him than you did, lived with him and was under pressure with him, and was together with him constantly under trying circumstances at best, for about ten consecutive days without any real break or separation. And, during this time, much was said, done, and - observed.

Sanders story (which he told everyone-contradictions included) is so full of holes that I really have to wonder whether he just put one over on you, or whether you are as illegitimate as he is.

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I prefer to believe the former. The implications of the later are pretty strenuous. I wish to remind you that I am the rather obvious victim and not vice versa. I also wish to remind you, that even if Sanders story were true (the one about the money-he told three conflicting stories to different sources), he still could not morally or legally remove our property without our consent without a little thing called due process, ie: a civil suit or action. The F.B.I., my attorneys (I have two of them) and several other equally qualified sources (on points of law anyway) have told me bluntly that-irrespective of any money issue (owed Sanders), he has committed Grand Theft. Do you, Morgan, Alcock, & co. support or condone such illegitimate and illegal actions? Apparently you do. That alone IS interesting. And, what is that????

I want to remind you that I got exactly NOTHING out of the trip but losses and negatives. Where have I gained? On what point/issue??? Where did I make any profit or gain in any direction? What was my motive? Who took off with whose private property, and lied about it?

If you, Mr. Garrison, Mr. Alcock, Mr. Morgan, would like, send me a written signed request for an itemized statement of accounting of all expense money advanced to me and I will be more than happy to comply. I may make this request for request formal in near future. I will at that time also include, a documented list of all of my actual and proveable expenses and losses re entire trip and issue (including those caused by Sanders actions directly). That you may consider a directly challenge to you, Garrison, etc. et al. And, I really mean it.

Regarding the tape recorded statement you took from me at your home on the night of December _____, 1968: In view of your present statements and attitude regarding me, Sanders, and related issues, I am informing you that you do not - I repeat - you do not have my permission to use them or play it to anyone without my specific prior consent (including that relayed directly via my attorney or other duly authorized representative), until further notice. I am well aware that you could do so anyway but I am also fairly well acquainted with the laws and procedures regarding confidential and privileged communications as well as disclosures from tapes made over wires (telephone etc.) or in private, etc. *TO THIRD PARTIES.*

I also think it only fair to inform you that: (1) as a former investigator with several close ex-C.I.A. friends, I know quite a bit about procedures and use same for my own protection (and have for years in applicable situations) of which this clearly is one such. I therefore have evidence and documentation independent of the need for credulity verification by you, Alcock, Morgan, or anyone else on that end of the situation, including pertaining to statements made by Sanders. I have used tape recorders (concealed included) off and on for years, often with very good results. It has saved me from entrapment and false imprisonment attempts several times. I have enough on Sanders right now to put him away for quite awhile. (not just on the theft charge alone either, my friend-plenty else). (including threats to us via Linde via telephone-threats to give us bad trouble if we tried to do anything legally about his actions & our property. They are documented and have been witnessed)....

I think I should also inform you, that I have done quite a bit about this strange situation, behind the scenes, and - there are several very qualified and very interested people looking over my shoulder so to speak, who know I have done nothing wrong, but feel, with good reason that with Sanders and company, that is not the case. They wonder what in the hell is really going on and are fast arriving at conclusions, the results of which may yet prove most interesting..

As for the F.B.I.: There have been three reports filed on this case so far: (1) by Linde and I in New Orleans, (2) by a friend in S.F., (3) by another friend in Washington, D.C.. The fourth and final is being prepared by me, will be very total and complete, and will be filed thru an attorney with confidential private press sources having been made available to me by arrangement to cover the issue and be sure everybody does their job properly, if you read me. The report will be filed. The extent will depend on what takes place in the next few days-only.

You seemed a little concerned about my going to them. That is a correct and natural attitude for the informed. Interestingly enough Alcock, Morgan, and Sanders seem to think it's a joke, and with a relatively "go to hell" attitude, told me to "go ahead," like they couldn't care less. A strange attitude indeed-all factors considered. Maybe they won't feel quite so gay about it after its done-the way its going to be done. I have not been threatening-just the opposite: I have been holding back and holding off, but it would appear that Sanders, Morgan, and Co. want to goad me into it. How stupid can those people be? Do they really believe that I am going to lose, that they will gain, or -that nothing will happen.????Care to bet on that. Wait until the complaints came in from some other sources concerning property of theirs in my files which Sanders has. Some of it is of a security nature and I have the right to have it, but not Sanders.

It has also been suggested to me, that I would be doing a public service by bringing my experience to lite so that combined with the experiences of other witnesses in this investigation-comparable people will not allow themselves to get involved in or be used by Garrison & company, to their detriment. If I do it, it won't be like the move with the Washington Evening Star. You must remember that we were very disorganized and under maximum stress at the time. (who the hell would be after what we went thru). That is not the case now and we have had time to do plenty of organizing etc...

My motives and actions re New Orleans trip issue et al were legitimate and honorable and I will not submit to lies, false accusations, theft of my property, and outrages, plus very expensive, unnecessary, negative disruptions to my life, expenses I cannot afford, and unjustified losses. There are remedies and I will use all of them if necessary. It appears that that will be necessary. So be it.

I make not statement (here or elsewhere) I wouldn't be willing to sign my name to or swear to under oath under penalty of perjury. Ask Mr. Sanders if he is willing to do the same re his statements about situation, belongings, me, and New Orleans trip et al. He may soon find himself facing just that kind of situation. I don't think you people will do one thing for me or in attestation of the facts unless your forced to for your own interestes. T

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Mr. Weisberg: I repeat that last direct-bluff challenge: Tell Mr. Sanders to put what he told you, Morgan, and others involved, in writing and sign his name to it - and send it to you, Garrison, Morgan, and me (and/or my attorney). Sanders is a psychopath, so he may do it and try to bluff his way thru some more, as he has done so far. But, frankly, I don't really think he will dare now.

As long as I was broke and in a helpless position, you people thought you could make light of the situation (very funny). That is factually what happened and I can prove it. Now the tables are turning and the position is no longer the same. How about that? You and Morgan are the only ones who acted with some proper sense of responsibility and basic human decency. Garrisons people in N.O. made it clear, tho indirectly, that they didn't consider it important, that I was a pain in the ass (in effect). Wow. Well, when I decide to become a real pain in the ass, they may learn the difference.

I cannot help but wonder how many more "pains in the ass" there are around like me - in this situation. My personal guess is - quite a few.

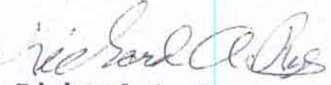
I intended to write you much sooner but I have been very busy with other matters including making a living. Something Sanders should try sometime, or did you know about how he really lives???? At this point, if I had to choose between the F.B.I. et al & Sanders, et al I'd prefer the F.B.I. et al. And that statement is not as ignorant as it may sound to you from me at this time. I won't tell you why.

Personally, I liked you (maybe some would consider it truly amazing that I could like anyone connected with the case after what happened to me - all responses included) and thought you were one of the very few really legitimate (are there any-left?) and truly informed persons left, in a very large moral, legal, and intellectual desert & vacuum. I still think so and that you will realize and want to correct the mistake made here, when you learn the truth about Sanders, who for his own stupid selfish reasons has jeopardized the positions of everyone connected with the investigation directly. A little opportunist who tho quite clever admittedly, is basically too sick, dishonest, and stupid, to really pull anything off. I might add that any reprisal attempt on me or to use me as a scapegoat for Sanders true actions and motives (when they are finally learned) would be disastrous for those involved. Sanders has already made such threats so I consider that those who believe him must think along similar lines. I won't be in any mood for accepting apologies I don't think, when the reckoning on all this comes full circle.

Sanders also obtained confidential information from me under false pretenses with which he has threatened me. I wish him lots of luck. When someone threatens me, they had better do it fast, or duck. He possibly has gotten you, Morgan, Garrison and company in some real trouble. Lets see if I'm right. I don't really care what anyone happens to think anymore than I would care if someone thinks the world is square when I know it's round.

P.S. have been reading your books-

Very sincerely,


Richard A. Rye

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Washington, D.C.

8 February 1968

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Re: Enclosure-Background RIR

Dear Mr. Nelson:

Hello: This one will be brief. A few points I left out plus a couple of new developments. The enclosures are for your information re my background which I hope will be of interest and also possibly of some help with regard to qualifications/credibility regarding that which has occurred of late and what must be done about it. I will explain the basics of enclosures below, here:

In 1955 in N.Y.C., I had (set up) my own R & D Tech. Corp. here and one of my prime contracts involved an engineered weapons system which in application is now known (as it was then) as a Multiple Warhead Missile System (the concept can be applied to nuclear, non-nuclear, tactical, and special weapons systems including artillery, anti-aircraft, torpedoes, and missiles). The M.I.R.V. & Poseidon II are examples of the conceptual application of this system. I got involved in a security situation and was separated from the project. There was a big lawsuit which I technically one (settled-Washington Post et al) but actually lost. Suffice to say that I survived (or did I?). The enclosures relate primarily to this project and my role in it

Mr. Sanders knows about this project and my role in it and that some (not the most crucial ones, including blueprints and photos of prototype demonstrator models, etc.) papers on it are in the files of mine which he factually stole from me in New Orleans.

Also, Hal Weisberg, the author ("Whitewash", etc.) is in S. F. I understand, as of last Saturday or Sunday. I don't know for how long but I told his wife to tell him to contact you and Ron. He will be in contact with Harve Morgan of KCBS while there-sure.

I will send you a list of telephone and mail contacts for me in the next few days (with alternates) so communications can be properly co-ordinated both now and later. In the meantime, I request - please - I don't want anyone to know I have been in New York City.- Washington, D.C. C.I.-N.Y. Confidential etc.

I can only wonder that the Garrison people with so much at stake could be so obviously careless about someone and a situation which if not correctly and promptly handled, might backfire and give them quite a bit of trouble. Obviously, they don't care. I except possibly Hal Weisberg and Harve Morgan on this last one.

Will call you Friday or Monday after you have received and had time to absorb everything and make initial inquiries, etc. Thank-you. Including immediate temporary list of contacts for me & L. Very sincerely,

Richard A. Rye

My authority, incidentally, on the legal issue of theft, is the F.B.I. in New Orleans, and - two attorneys (plus others). Like, Man, I am going to tell you some things here, believe me, and, like, if you care what happens, you are going to listen and listen good. If you don't, I am not responsible for what later happens in consequence. I am only telling you facts.

Dear Harve:
I have a few things to say. I can only sincerely hope, that you will hear, understand, and believe, and take rationally what I am going to say, because it is and will prove to be, very important, to all who were, are, or will be involved in the over all issue, re: New Orleans trip, matter, and previous issues etc. First: How - can an intelligent (and, I believed, legitimate) person like you, actually believe, or give credence to the blatantly and obviously contradictory, false, lying, and deceitful, cock and bull stories Mr. Thomas Williams Sanders told you and others about me and about what happened in S.F. and N. O.?? Please read my statement (enclosed) relative to this issue please. Also, please read carefully, the other enclosures, the combination of which, should, tell you some things you apparently need to know. As for "not being involved", well friend, let me tell you something - you ARE and were involved, very much so, and that is indisputably a matter of record, beyond what you know about (I'll qualify that statement later, here). Do you really believe that people can pull what Sanders did, and get by with it? Or, that it can just be likely passed off???? Are you aware that I have a very very left leaning complaint?? I realize and am still of the opinion, that you did all you could do, that your motives and intentions were honorable, and that you are intelligent, honest, and basically a legitimate person and tried very hard to do the right thing in the right way and for the right reasons. Please remember I said that-OK? Morally, legally, and - specifically defined, and irrespective of ANY money issues, Sanders pulled a R U S H, and did in fact commit criminal-theft. He took our property with out our knowledge or consent and without any due process. What is that - you know, stealing. I owe Sanders \$25.00 for 1/2 the gas and had no opportunity to discuss it with him, let alone pay him, before he took it. He owes me for all the time and expense caused by his actions - and friend, let me tell you something - that will cost me much more than \$25.00. He is also driving with my nearly new spare tire on his car, yet, and-the-story about my car is another lie because Sanders was with me (TWICE) when we went to my car, once to get the tire he now has on his. How about that??

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Re: Recent call, et al

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Washington, D. C.

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I have got a very very legitimate beef, friend. As a direct result of doing a favor for a friend and of trying to help Garrison & Co. (and, how about his sudden press release?)
Linda and I have been separated from:
1. Her baby
2. Our belongings and files
3. My business there
4. My contacts there-many
* My car and other property

I have prepared and submitted a full statement to my attorney there (and, one here) and another is being prepared in affidavit form, telling the whole story, most of which can be verified. Giving names, dates, locations, and details as to what happened, when, where, why, how, etc. It is true, concise, and important. It also includes, what arrangements were made, by whom, and on what basis. That of course includes you, Hal Weisberg, and Mr. Jim Alcock, as well as Hal Verb and Thomas Williams Sanders & Co. On advice of counsel, criminal charges (multiple) are being prepared against Sanders and ~~Hal~~ charges also, later. I do not intend to pay what now amounts to blackmail, and - I have the money and will have no trouble proving it. I would rather pay my attorney to take care of that smart ass bastard and I will. Actually, from Garrison people, I have gotten nothing but one phone call - but no meaningful action. Lots of talk, talk, talk, and intend to let Sanders get by with what he pulled and your going to (REALLY?) force me to do everything myself? O.K., then, I will, and I'll go right down the line.
I have news for you: I didn't spend several years as an investor for nothing. I have evidence that I am saving for the future which I assure you will prove exactly who did and said what why where when how. Sanders is in for the shock of his life on that, particularly since he is ~~xxx~~ irrevocably on record with his statements, lies, and contradictions, with a number of independent sources. When this one hits the fan, duck, believe me I understand that Hal Weisberg came out there last weekend. I asked his wife to ask him to see Ron and my attorney while there who find this situation very very interesting, all around. I will not hesitate to use them unless my property is recovered immediately and Sanders is put where he belongs, and - some other discrepancies are properly explained (like, about my arrangement in New Orleans, etc.) Friend, don't you know anything about law? I don't care if the national honor is at stake. I didn't go to New Orleans to get screwed out of everything I have & own. Now, before you blow your top, remember, I am not, I repeat, I am not, blaming you personally for anything that did or did not happen. But you are involved and responsible for some of it and you did make the arrangements and you cannot now just turn around and say it didn't happen and you had nothing to do with it. Hal Verb was your friend/contact, not mine, and - Sanders, his, etc.

people that know me (and, it's obvious you don't) know better than to do anything that will really get me mad, because, when I get really (I mean, REALLY) mad, I am very dangerous and I get very radical, drastic, and diabolical, and I will never give up or quit until the situation is resolved properly.

Now, if Sanders (as he has threatened to do) tries to use any of the information he has on me, my files and contents, or anything comparable, he (and those who produced him) are going to be in for some real big bad trouble. He already has given me grounds for six separate criminal charges against him (and maybe more-now) I hope, for all concerned, that he has not done so. I am not afraid of anything he may attempt for reasons which all concern ed with learn later, to their sorrow if this is not cleared up. Also, some of this mess has worked to my advantage in several ways. Among other things, we just got \$1,000.00 plus in cash and there is nearly \$10,000 back of it if we need it - so guess who is going to do what to whom (to he whom some thought they could exploit or ignore because of his bad position, why?)

Now, this may interest you: The analysis of what REALLY happened my own combined with others, is this:
1. My friend Ron told the truth and everything was and is exactly as was told to me by him and Paul, the Keltia figure. Maybe...
2. The C.I.A., or others, put Ron up to it without his knowledge. (This, I was told by Boxley, was the unanimous decision of the Garrison investigative staff in New Orleans - they told me).
3. The C.I.A., or others, put Ron up to it all - with his full knowledge and consent, and probably paid him well in the bargain. I don't believe this, but it is always possible.
4. That as a result of my letter to Jack Anderson, Drew Pearsons Associate/Assistant, the contents of which - YOU - and John Christian knew about, in part, an F.B.I. or C.I.A. setup was arranged - meaning, the whole thing was rigged by them - to get me - and my files, etc. (and possibly set me up for an "Oswald" type situation. Yes, this is possible.

5. That Garrison people themselves arranged the whole thing.

I don't know which it is, yet. But in view of what I personally can and have had to set in operation, I'll bet you'll find out and very soon, no matter who thinks they know/control, what where I am never impressed by mortal "God's". For me, they don't exist. I once had a corporate investor who was blackmailing me and who had a six figure setup. He thought he was "in" and could do ANYTHING to anybody, and get a V with it. I had relatively nothing, but I shot him down. It took a year to do it, but it got done. I also took on the Washington Post, and won, even the my attorney was a lousy crook and a known "fixer". (Whoever knows who he is) Last, there are a number of qualified sources who I have let in on what's going on, who for the moment, are watching what IS and IS NOT be determined by the logic of events of the next few days. I might add, that Garrison's office has refused to accept a complaint from me, unless I'm there personally (I was, remember - they didn't) that's it, for now. Best Regards Richard A. Ryan

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