

Dear Bill,

11/30/95

We both enjoyed your letter of the 28, Lil before I. Her laughs got my attention.

Please pay close attention and answer me straight on the woman who did that retyping, Carol Deck.

She began as a student at Hood. My arrangements with all of them were that I paid all their expenses and the hourly wage. They were all to give me the disks when they finished but they bought the disks. We repaid them. After the first of them bought paper we provided it, too.

We assume that when Carol told us what we owed her it included the cost of the disk but she did not give us a bill, we just paid her the sum she asked for. In any event, she knew I wanted the disks and why, to distribute.

Separate from whether she has to give me the disk, which it turns out is more than one for she seems to have used the same disk for other things, is whether she has any right to retain any of my work in any form. I do have a common-law copyright on the manuscripts she worked on.

If this is so, how can she retain the disks that are the only complete ones besides being my copyrighted property?

This situation has taken a very considerable amount of time from Dennis and his fine wife and has meant time and problems for me. She has not responded to my last letter. I think the time has come to go see a local lawyer. But I'd like to have your opinion on the rights before I do that.

If I am correct in believing that she cannot properly retain any of my property in any form, as I think I am, am I also correct in believing that the court will lay the costs on her, too, if she forces me to go to court.

Surprising that Hale made the kind of mistake it did. And Lil is eating the half I leave peeled for her each morning. ~~It~~ We do very much appreciate this thoughtfulness and it does taste better than what we can get locally. We've been getting Florida navel in the store and Lil did not like them. There is a difference. But on the grapefruit, save that for when there are no peeling oranges to be eaten rather than drunk. We <sup>both</sup> like both but I prefer the oranges. I use grapefruit when there are no oranges of any kind. I prefer the pinks.

If you think that dolphin work was crazy, what about spooking by ESP?!!!

Norris' is probably better than most of the talk shows as well as with her own biases and hangups some of which may be helpful in keeping a job.

On the Gulf of Tonkin business never happening, it is and was not necessary to conduct any interviews. I wrote it, spelled it out, from what was public virtually while it was happening. Dave and Jerry remember that. Whether it is in what Roffman

returned I do not know. I loaned him my research for Tiger to <sup>Ride</sup> ~~write~~ for his thesis.

Among the too many things we lost to the Cold War was simple intelligence analysis. The emphasis then shifted to spooking. It was on what was published, ~~an-~~  
~~alyt~~ including interviews, that my analysis is that the whole thing did not happen.

Later Joe Goulden confirmed that with official documents. His book is long forgotten but I think I still have it.

If it was obvious to me ought it not have been to the major media? They even had more raw material than I did.

If you print out Waketh you'll get what I think and a large part of why I think it. I've sent a few inserts lately as I've come on more.

The probability is that those Patriot missiles caused even more deaths as they exploded and debris fell, if not also explosive materials.

We are neither of us better, thanks, and I've been getting weaker and weaker in recent weeks. Can I see the new orthopaedic surgeon until the 12th. Lil does not want to talk about the hip repladement she was told two months ago she needs. I suspect, and I'm not pushing her, she intends to decide after the <sup>aut</sup> season. I hope she gets through it with the kind of fall that can be terrible at our age. I've ~~at~~ fallen several times lately but backward and without incident.

I mailed Dennis four more <sup>vol</sup>znds of Inside this morning, what follows what Deck messed up on the disk, and I've more to copy and mail him.

Hope Betsy sits on interesting cases!

Best to you both,

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