

7/24/68

Dear Barbara,

Somhow, between three a.m. this morning and this evening, I have misplaced the copy of a letter Thornley wrote Open City in response to the second of mine (they appear not to have published the first). If and when I find it I'll send it to you so you can read it-if you have not seen it, I didn't answer all of it because it was already too long and I had already taken too much time. I presume he will take little comfort from it.

Here is a copy of what I wrote.

You have not sent several things, including the 1928 Warren Easton class predictions, etc. I have written a short response to Epstein in which I allude to it. It has been published and may be more. I think it would be a good idea to be able to reproduce it in facsimile, particularly with "ubert's name.

Aside from the initial publication in BOOKs, coming out this week, there are newsletters that have expressed an interest and I think it possible the "underground" press could be interested (I cannot take time to try). If and when you see Bob Head, please tell him that if he wants to use it, it is okay. I can supply him with Xerox copies of any of the documents. He can get the pictures down there.

Aside from catching up on the accumulation and trying to rest a little more and exercise a little, I've read and edited most of COUP D'ETAT, added three of the approximately five chapters I planned adding, and hope to finish by the early part of the week. It will then run about 40,000 words.

Knocked off another 5 lbs. Once in a short while for a brief period the scale slips below 180. I guess I'll feel more fit when I've finished this weight-losing campaign.

The papers, naturally, say nothing about it but we have won two victories over Bringuier this month I suspect that right now he is a little unhappy he started this, for the last word I got is that the judge held forth the prospect of making him pay our legal expenses.

I had heard Thornley plans a suit. Pray he does! He had been pumping much dope back to N.O. Please try and keep me up to date if you hear anything. It is well to be prepared, even for insanity.

Anything new on Lou Davis? Do you think he could have been the industrialist Lomax wrote about? I keep hearing about that.

Best to everyone,

Harold Weisberg