Dear Mary and Peggy, 12/13/92

Harry Livingstone just hung up on me, not impolitely for a hanging-up, when I was pressing him to tell me ~~how he~~ what he is looking into me for with his explanation of his present inquiry in which he said he is being helped by others, including FBI and former FBI agents and a judge. *See below.*

He began by asking me if I had told Mary if he had threatened me. I said I did not remember putting it that way and explained how I feel about his exploring my long-ago correspondence with Paul Rothermel when he had already told me that he knows that H.L. Hunt and many other Texas rich and oil people conspired to kill JFK and that he had told me that the critics were conspiring to ruin him and his work and his impending "breaking of the case." He never did answer, he spoke harshly and profanely about other critics, he said his questioning me was in the context of a suit having been filed against him (he would not even confirm that it was by Groden); and he repeated several times that he had no intention of hurting me in any way.

Strangely he seems to believe that those who were not JFK's partisans and did not vote for him could most have any real interest in the case and thus all are suspect!

I am clear on what he told me on earlier calls and he today denied saying those things.

He denies saying what he told me of his Texas conspiracy and now says what he did not say before, that Garrison had said that. He was quite explicit in the past and included in his imagined conspiracy the law firm for which Mary had worked.

It is because of recent developments that I talked to him after telling him not to call me and I'm glad I did because two things are apparent if he is telling me the truth. One is that some critics with whom either or both of you is/are friends is/are talking to him and somehow he knew of my being in touch with Mary when only you two know this. I have the impression he believed I was in touch with Mary by phone. I report this not to disturb but to alert you.

I hope I can now get my mind back on the writing he interruoted.

Best to you both, Harold

His response that he was looking into me as part of his defense against the conspiracy against him does make me part of it, as he apparently did not realise, and he said he has the right to demand answers to his questions of me.