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Dear Bill,

Nobody has ever looked me in the eye and told me he would kill me or have me killed. Or in person led me to believe he had any such thing in mind.

I've had threats and they never worried me. People would ask me if I didn't fear something would happen to me or my wife and for the most part I've believed that they were just afraid that something would happen.

However, by phone it was different. People would call when I was away and to the best of my knowledge nobody knew I was away and hint to kill that something would happen or that she should worry about it or didn't she worry.

What I got by phone ranged from silence except for very, very heavy breathing to a rather sophisticated threat. I don't now recall when I was able to begin taping that one. It was about 2:30 a.m. and I may have had to grope for a suction cup to attach to the phone and tape recorder. I took the tape to the State police barrack, they listened to it and said it was a serious threat. Off the records the phone company told me where to take the phone for a plug to be wired to it for better quality but years ago I got rid of that phone and haven't replaced any such contraption. The reason for the need for better quality is for voice printing. That was done with this tape but by a different police department, one with which I'd worked in their interest in extremists.

This character played the sound track of the movie Shane to me and went on and on about danger and getting killed. I don't think most people walk around with the sound track of that particular movie in their pockets.

I've never kept a file on such things, never paid any attention to them, and there may be things I do not remember.

I'll appreciate being able to borrow Cloak and Gown, thanks. If your friend is interested in spy literature, perhaps he has kept up with it but if he hasn't British reporters have been doing a superlative job in books. Quite a few recently.

Hope all is going well with you,

Sincerely,

Heard

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Dear Harold,

Before we leave this too late, Sharon and I thank you deeply for your time and hospitality on May 7. With luck we'll have another interview, just as absorbing and rewarding as this one was for me.

MY friend Mr. Feinstein hasn't passed me his copy of Cloak and Gown by Robin Winks, as he said he might. I think he doesn't want to part with it. He's an unredeemed spy buff....So, I have ordered my own copy of Cloak and Gown and will loan it to you as you asked. It will be a loan because I'll be sending it to you before I read it myself.

When we talked, I forgot a somewhat crucial question. In the course of your investigations for your books, was your life ever threatened?

Anyhow...I have an enormity of work in store for myself despite nagging illness. Our best regards to you and Lillian.

Sincerely,



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