

Dear Karen,

6/1/75

Thanks for the clips with your 5/27.

I'm particularly glad to get what was not mentioned in the papers around here, the strange, farout position Burton has taken. It could not be more untimely or less rational. Or anti-democratic. The self-seekers are busily engaged in freezing him into in order to promote themselves.

I suppose I did not give you the information you ask for on the Obers on purpose if I did not in order for you to learn how to obtain it. It is the kind of simple thing a lawyer often has to know.

If doing it for yourself turns out to be a problem, let me know. It should not be.

For each line of work, industry, profession, etc., there is generally an annual volume of some kind that serves for a directory for those in each field. In the literary world it is LMP, which stands for Literary Market Place. You would also find the address, if these were available there, in the city directory and the phone book.

Here are a few more leads.

Widow Annie died about 2/27/75, near Washington. Harold died in 1959, probably in NYC and the NYTimes obits should include one on his because of his positions and some of his literary clients. It should also give his survivors and if they are prominent enough, what they do.

Harold and Annie both had literary careers. I know of a second son, Nathaniel. All should be checked in Who's Who for appropriate years. Marriage right after World War II.

Richard was CIA. He was forced out at the Angleton-departure. He seems to have been the kind of expert who could have had Vietnam experience, as an expert on terrorism. This is to say that one Richard Ober, whether or not the son of Harold and Annie, was these things. I want to know if he is their son.

Richard of CIA was a Rockefeller witness 2/75.

Checking LMP backward from the current will give those identified with that agency each year. Each agency does not list all its people of course, but for a special reason I'd like those identified with it. If the NYC city directory is available, often those in each office in each bldg. are listed.

40 E 49 St. was the address as late as last year. The year before, through a friend, Peter Sheppard there was to see if he could place my Watergate book. I do assume that agents also exercise bad judgement but he was so terrible I'm curious because the thing of which he gave the whole thing up ~~is~~ is the CIA part that turned out to be part of what has led to the present flap. I had it in 1972, part earlier. One of the rough drafts of chapters I gave him as they came out of the machine was the Hughes story (not the ship, though). That much ahead of time and he thought it nothing!

Other things...the CIA show holds no good prospect as of now. I think there have already been some changes in the deal not for the better, since it was set. But your general comment is typical of the medium. The man in overall charge is the one who did the 1967 four-part videowhitewash. Asking him to forget that and destroy it now ~~is~~ expecting much from one who could climb as he did in TV news.

We are still in court on spectro. Filing new affidavit soon. Govt. still stonewalling. Self-seekers still messing up, if you see any stories. They are doing the govt's dirty-work by assuming fullness and accuracy of what I've been given and thereafter they can get for a letter. Then they rush into print with foolishness.

Thanks and best, also to Mary,

5/27/75

Dear Harold,

I ran Harold and Richard Ober through the Data-Bank and there's no listing. I also checked for any listing of his wife's obituary to see if it said anything about Richard, but it's not indexed either. Then I went through the printed Index from 1959-74 and found only one listing for an R.N. Ober, first name not given, who is a Birch Society aid in Massachusetts. Since there's no other listing under Ober, can you give me anything else it might be indexed under? How about the name of the literary agency Harold started? If you could give me the date of Harold's death that might help.

Why do you think CBS is going to change its plans for the special? With all the renewed interest it would draw a large audience. The only problem I thought of when I first heard about it is that, in trying to deal with all the assassinations in a 2 hour show, they will barely scratch the surface of anything really significant and will inevitably emphasize the sensational. The same thing happened when CBS did "The Selling of the Pentagon". It could have been an important documentary revealing the facts about Pentagon Propaganda, but CBS got carried away with producing a sensational show and the ~~political~~^{political} battle that followed overshadowed what the show actually said. If CBS does go through with the show it's going to have to be

very careful, because if it doesn't stick to the facts but gives in to sensationalizing it will have as little effect as "Selling of The Pentagon" on changing public feelings.

I enclosed two articles from the Times pertaining to the anterior neck bullet. There is another article, an interview with Dr. Shaw, in the 11/28/63 New York Herald Tribune. I couldn't get the article myself because our Herald Tribune microfilm collection is incomplete and Nov. 63 is one of the ones we don't have. However, in several books I've read over the last few weeks, I found several references to that article, which was written by Martin J. Steadman, so I assume the article is there. It quotes Dr. Shaw as saying that the bullet "entered the President's trachea, in front of his neck, and coursed downward into his right lung." It goes on to imply that Shaw said the bullet was removed during the autopsy, although he isn't quoted on that. The NY Times article of 11/30/63 does indicate a punctured lung, so it seems very possible that the bullet ended up there. If in fact it did, and was removed during the autopsy, that's all the more reason for burning the initial autopsy notes and for suppressing the X-rays, since both should indicate

the bullet's presence.

I guess I left you, in my last letter, with the impression that I felt the job I got was somehow below my dignity. I have to admit that at the time I wrote the letter that thought was in my mind. But I had a long talk with myself and, believe me, I'm just glad to have any job. I'll be making enough money this summer to pay for this Fall's tuition and will have some left over to put aside for law school. So considering how hard it is to get a summer job, I'm really pretty fortunate.

Let me know of anything new with the Specter, NAA. Take care and say Hi to Hillem for me.

Best,

Karen