12/22/69

Dear Gary.

Your 12/17 with letters to Paul and Matt (very good one) arrived today.

Enclosed is a bit more updating. I also have two letters from Paul today. The rest of the mail is done, and it took most of the day. I so regret time from writing, but this also must be done.

Autopsy notes: there is no possibility of doubt without perjury. You both should have spotted what I haven't put into letters. But there is enough in letters. You did not say you could get one of your committee to do this. Can?

It has been a long time since I made my basic 7 study, and we have learned much since then. As of now, I say there is no splice save the one I exposed from the signboard through 313. Backgrounds alone are convincing, and there are other, major problems.

It will be a while before I send Mader $2.00. If you get yours and find it worthless, let me know immediately. Right now I've not enough cash to get a roll of stamps and those in my desk are gone (fortunately, Lil has some in hers). But it will be better in 10 days, when Lil goes back to work (cutting our output no end). Mary's small contribution was very, very helpful.

Re your comment on Ball: not thebeginning and end of his letter. Solicit comments on mine.

Henry not urgent. Bears only on honesty and deceit.

Margis is not Bringuier's publisher this trip. Hellberg, I think.

COUP add should have reached you by now. Do not drop your necessities, but if I'm to pick the corrections up, I want to do it as soon as possible. A few from Schmitt today. I have written an add to the add (not quite complete) and sent it to Paul. Hal will read it here. With desire, I and J can read in a day. It is a chapter to which I've plastic explosives to add. Not quite ready. I still have your long comment to work into the first part when I can. I'd like to think someone would c' come forward and get this out, esp. today, with the recent developments. You'll see how well I anticipated them.

Lil has almost completed her period of medication and seems to be over the infection and the danger of complications. Just tired now, with some trouble past several days from hiatal hernia. Suspect it was typing the add add. Rough stuff.

We've got snow, too, but not like yours. Ice storm this a.m. Feared for trees. And almost out of firewood. The rest on stump. Need the exercise but not taking the time.

Best,

Dec. 17, 1969

Dear Harold,

Thanks for keeping me up to date on what is happening. I am still struggling at arranging my schedule so that I can get back into the groove on assassination work. As soon as the one psychologist got out of court, another took her vacation, so I am still working hard, but I am off tomorrow and Friday, and every Friday from now on, plus two days at Christmas. I am working for Y.E.S. (Youth Emergency Service) one night a week. It is a telephone referral service to help kids in trouble, on bad trips, etc. I will be at a free clinic for poor people two nights a month that we are donating our professional skills to free of charge along with a group of pediatricians who have started a free medical clinic.

I think that I follow the stuff clipped to your letter of 12/12 on the Archives failure at getting that photo. The irony of doing any lying is that it is hard to remember exactly what lies were told, or what the "official"version is, so that later blunders are notsurprising. I don't know of any Durovik method but will listen to that tape this weekend and let you know what I think.

On the question of missing autopsy notes I see Paul's point but am open-minded about the possibility. I am in between the two of your--not having formed an opinion. I would be surprised, if they ever did exist, if they still do, or if we could prove it. They must have made notes of some sort other than the draft notes, especially given that the report wasn't written until the 24th.

Thanks for helping keep Kerry going on the Kara-pat thing. On the Z film I want to see more stuff but am open to splices despite the fact that they seem unlikely on the face of it.

Glad to see that you apparently heard from Betzner or someone in Kansas City and that the deal is proceeding. I will foot the bill for your photos as well as mine although it will probably turn out that those photos are not worth it, since we can't afford to neglect any of the photo evidence since it is so tangible if it has anything in it.

I have no files on anyone on your list of 12/5. Thanks for the Mader thing, but I had already sent for it, and the only reason I hadn't sent it to you was that I hadn't written yet. Your work with Wade may one day pay big dividends for everyone involved, especially given Curry's recent publicity which will make him a bit freer. Likewise with Ball. This is the front-lines work, always behind the scenes, which must be done and which I suspect you are the only one doing. This is the hard stuff that research is made of and which the Liftons and Newcombs rarely even dream of. What can I say but that I think it is very valuble and essential and I am glad that you are up to doing it.

I haven't heard from Henry and have not caught him home, but should in the next few days when I will have more time to pursue it.

I'll answer the Longbottom letter as soon as I can.

If Bringuier comes out with a book I should learn of it from Hargis, since I am on their mailing list.

I will write again soon as soon as I get a few things out of the way. I have been classified 1-A in the draft and the eye does not given an automatic medical exemption, so I am now appealing and hoping that it was a mistake. It has happened once before. Cross your fingers anyway.

I eagerly await Coup's addition and will go over it as soon as I get it.

Best wishes to you and Lil. Please convey my regards and hope for a speedy and uncomplicated recovery to her.

Gary

P.S. Use my home address from now on - I get things quicker - except for packages.
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Dear Matt,

Long time no see. I assume that this letter will find you in good spirits. I hope that I'll get to visit you sometime in the coming year but the way things are going one never knows.

I am doing my internship at a clinic in the suburbs and also working at some free clinics and referral services the more radical among the psychologists and MD's have established. Minneapolis has never seen such doings before and it is a good start. We haven't yet found the knack of reaching the poor, though, and there are problems which must be overcome before we feel we are doing what we want to do.

I heard from Vince a few weeks ago and he sounds tired--much more so than I have ever heard him. He needs a rest and is contemplating his role in the society. He said that he was down in N.O. for the election returns so I assume that you saw him.

I have no idea what your time situation is, or Jeanine's for that matter, or what connections you still have with Jim, but I have a favor to ask on behalf of myself, Harold, Paul Hoch, and some of the rest of us up here. We very much want to use the trial material but thus far have managed to get only the transcripts of Nichols', Finck, and Frazier's testimony. We would appreciate any of the others, especially Shaneyfeldt, and were wondering if either you or Jeanine had the time to go into the office and xerox off some of them. If not perhaps you might be able to talk someone into doing it. It is a shame after all of us have put out so much all of this time, and after people like Harold spent countless hours and much energy and money helping Jim, that the few fruits of that labor exist but are beyond our reach. That stuff would be put to good use if we could get copies of it. So all of us would greatly appreciate anything you could do to help us on this.

Best wishes to all of you down there. Soak up some warmth and sunshine for me--it's snowing outside.

Gary

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Dear Paul,

Thanks for the things that you have sent me recently and for keeping me up on your correspondence with Harold. Sorry to take so long to answer your letter of Dec. 9, but no sooner had one Psychologist returned from 2 weeks in court but another one went on vacation so I have still had to do two people's jobs. Now things have leveled off and I am getting myself in order.

When you get a chance I would appreciate copies of any of those FBI reports on Ahler, Jackson, etc. you mentioned. Once I get them and hear from Mary Ferrell on a few things, I can put together some big memos on them and we can then all better assess where we stand.

When you make that xerox for Harold, as I mentioned before, bill it to me, along with mine. Then tack on something for all this xeroxing you have been doing to keep me up on things and send me a bill for the whole bit.

I would like the Coup addition so if you will send it to me, I will add my 2¢ worth, and then send it on to Harold.

Best wishes for a nice holiday. I am stuck here.

Gary

ccHarold