6/21/69

Dear Gary,

Your letter of the 18th, postmarked 19, arrived today. Those things you said you'd send separately of which I have not acknowledged have not.

As soon as I finish this I'll compare your COUP suggestions with the finished copy (of that part). I've done 10,000-15,000 words of the add. The problem now is that we just cannot make any except absolutely required changes, especially if they'll alter paging.

Your enclosed letters: Paul will not have a friendly feeling for Penn and his dislike will be warranted, for Penn has transcended simple political dislike for Hunt and has, from early, said essentially what Farewell does.

Before you go to Dallas, let me know in time to give you some suggested dos and don'ts. Paryicularly, I think , must some of those with whom I have had a relationship be left alone for a number of reasons. If you plan to approach any, let me know first.

They are some areas in which Paul may feel he can help you and may want to. Others he will not (for example, tough tangle with police). These are some into which I think he'll help and I'd like done: arrests (including those held without charges then released) and extremists (there are those of the right he so regards). Known threats vs JFK (esp Denton, where the Republican Youth involvement may present some hurdles). Butler (now in charge jial, or at least last November). Revill (for whom he has high regard-in Nov with State, Austin) who must know and suspect more, and I am reasonsbly certain he was right on Hosty - and what he may suspect. But Austin may be impossible for you. Eddie Brawner (if you can get Bay Pigs wire to him and story behind it). The Rogerses (I'd do preliminaries if you want to speak to them-Sylvia-Connell-Machann- and I'll write you also). Tell me your time and plans and I'll make suggestions if you'd like.

Vince letter 4/29: I am unwilling to assume deliberate dishonesty on his part and do not. Some of those things in error in his letter may be explained as simple misunderstanding. Others I do not so believe and offer no explanation. Vince and I went there together in December, meeting on the plane the 4th. I also talked Bud into going, for I wanted him to know where things stood. I had three months earlier agreed to spend the first two weeks of December in N.O. working with Bud, at his expenses, entirely independently (for example, he said he'd prefer I stay at a motel with him rather than with friends at no cost).. Therefore, any expenses I mentioned to Vince on this trip and Lou confirmed were incurred prior to that trip. You know the results of that trip. Those expenses for which I am asking prompt(?) return are those of that trip and a consequence of it. Now Vince, without consulting me (although I would have agreed if he had) made a deal whereby I would work fulltime trying to help them get ready for the trial. It is specific that I'd get my expenses and more, a slarey, pay for the work. He does not acknowledge this, I believe, because if he did he'd recognize his own moral obligation to meet what he committed and was not delivered on. He communicated it to me, as I recall, when we were driving with Moo to Moo's home for dinner (was it big and good!). I here, as I have in all mention of this, distinguish between those costs incurred as a direct consequence of Vince's arrangements and those incurred earlier. On those earlier, there is no doubt Lou made clear to me in advance that it would be some time before he could repay me. He pointed out that when I stayed at the motel they had not yet paid that bill (which I hadn't known).

Vince probably does really think I invited myself on that trip. I never

let him know I was using him because I knew Garrison would blindly oppose whatever I said. However, I was in touch with others throughout and it is quite the opposite of my being not welcomed by the staff. They didn't want me to leave and I did nothing in advance without consultation once I detected what I had. After the second day, they were sikker every day Vince was there. They finally hustled him out of town, really. No one not there will ever believe any account of what Vince said, did and looked like. I assume full responsibility, for while I never anticipated the degree, I did, essentially. My reasoning was simple)this is not really related to the error in fact in Vince's letter): it takes a paranpid to reach a paranoid, and this was the most important single hurdle that had to be surmounted. Whatever the consequence, it was vital and there was no. laternative.

I suspectthat it was on the way down I asked him to speak to Jim about the money of the past. There was no purpose served in his speaking to Lou, who does only what Jim says and who likes me as I suspect he does not Vince. I may be wrong, but I feel that I am the only one of the "critics" the policemen like.

Now on the joint trip: when I told Vince Bud was not coming through with the expenses and had no way of peying my own fare, he did. I regret the agent wrote the wrong kind of ticket and more deeply regret Vince's boorishness over it and the way in which he embarrassed me over it, really insulting me over my poverty (whereas I felt the only reason I was incurring these to-me great expenses is because he and all others had abdicated). I believe that is all he paid. The only meals I had Matt provided save one: Bud took me out to a splendid one one night. I paid all the others, like airport parking, etc.

On the question of expenses for the things I was asked to do there is no question. I was assured and when I left N.O. for the last time it is one of the stipulated prerequisites for my return. When, after the joint trip, this was not being done I phoned Vince and asked him to remind them. When he later said I should be there I told him explicitly why I wasn't.

I can see how he may honestly have misinterpreted what I asked him to do with Maggie. I was in a delicate position, for I was also addressing myself to him and Bud and others. What I said was that I could not possibly stay there. If the others wanted me there, they'd have to make it possible. I felt I could not say "you included". I did not ask that I be kept there. I did say that without the wherewithall I could not remain, that if others did not make it possible I could not for I would no go further into debt when others who were able to be there were not and did not substitute for their presence.

It is absolutely evil for him to say I have "made the assassination" my "business in more ways than one". I think, to you, it requires nothing further. If the course he refers to has to do with N.O. after 12/4/68, his statement is a total falsehood that cannot be accidental. If it relates to his general insult, he is also less than precise, for he has been on both sides of that, sometimes actually trying to persuade me to drop it.

In no sense can he honestly say I have tried to ue him as a collection agency. I have asked himto make his own word good, no more. I have asked him to help on those expenses for which he is responsible, no others. And this definitely includes my return to N.O. in January. It is indecent for him to suggest, with h this history, that I am trying to use him for any kind of patsy. It is I who got screwed for trusting him. I believe Bud was still there for part of it. The result is clear: Vince bigshotted. He played God, which he loves in N.O. and overdid ever for God, and I pay. And worse, Lil. He is your friend and that I would not intrude upon. I do promise you that if you have the disposition you can see for

yourself the eraly things he did. You may find them hard to believe. It is so bad we have to concern ourselves with such matters. But as you know, I do not permit a false record to be unchallenged.

Navy regulations: come to think of it, my request is also unanswered.

Sirhan tests: how about the people who devised the tests asking?

Maggie and Bill do surprise me. It is still possible they do not recall the nature of their plea to me. And it did work. I did, despite all the things that went wrong, accomplish what they sought. Twice! To the best of my knowledge, he hasn't opened his yap since what I did, if less well than I should, on the Crane show. And I kept pouring it on all the time I was there, in every possible way. If he has said a single word on anything since I have not been informed. In Ray's case it could be his special kind of ego. He is brilliant. I do not think he is intentionally dishonest.

I think it may have been embarrassing to Paul H for you to have sent him a copy of that letter. He would, I think, want to keep out and so far as I know was not in. If these slanders have effected him, I have no sign of it. He is a very wise young man. On Hal, I concur in your feelings and judgement. I suppose I am a little curious about what you said, but if I were to see the letter, it would not be for that reason but to be confident in those interpretations you made, that they are not enlargements, etc. Hal's recent silences indicates they have, at least in part, succeeded with him, and I'm disappointed.

Olson: I think it would be a good idea if you could get one not known in the Archives to request copies al all correspondence with him, files, etc. I think possibly neither he nor you nor I should do it. If I did it and they replied, it would be months. I have had no responses to any of the letters to which you do not have copies of the responses.

Westpcoast motives. Your explanation is reasonable.

I'd likemto be encouraged at the initial liberal resistance to Hoover. It is important and has accomplished much. I think they'll poop out now. Hope not.

The usualy apologies for the usual typos.

Sincerely,

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June 18, 1969

Dear Harold,

Here is my much overdue editing on Coup D'Etat. The suggested changes are often written out to give you a better flavor of what I have in mind, and the suggestions, while some are reasonably well worded and might be used as is if you agree, are not to be taken literally. I have a carbon of it if you would like me to send one to someone else for opinions on these suggested changes--perhaps someone else who has the manuscript. Other items are in my earlier letters.

In response to your letter of 6/11, agreed on Butler. That's why I was insistent on you seeing it. You should also listen to the record. I'll send you the next when I get it. I wrote for it once, sent a check, and then they mailed another of the first issue. I wrote again and asked for the second, with the second part of his article, offering to mail back the extra copy of the first, but they haven't answered.

On Viking, it would have been interesting to ask the SOB what their criteria are--the ones he refers to in his letter.

Good luck in getting replies from the office.

Good luck to Nichols in checking on Navy regulations. I wrote a long time ago (you have a carbon) and never got a reply. I tried the Phila. naval base.

On your 6/13: amazing to hear from the Herrons--they are the poorest correspondents I know, but they're great people.

On Sirhan mental tests, those on the West Coast do not reply. They may not have been put into the record. It is possible to get away without doing this. When I was an expert witness several months ago, they got away with this against me because my lawyer wasn't on the ball. Had they introduced them, I could have thrown up much flak. As it turned out, I almost wiped them out during the cross-examination by tripping them up so badly they didn't know which end was up, but the lawyer fouled it up in his summation and blew the case. I could not get them professionally. The only way that could be accomplished would be if Sirhan was to be a patient of ours. Or, one other possibility would be if Sirhan gave permission, but that is way out, even if I could communicate with him, and really of nil probability.

Lifton and the Powell thing: Lifton claimed that he told me it on the phone (not mentionning Powell's name, so my reply was quite biting, since it referred to him by name) and that I told Fred, and perhaps you, even though, allegedly, it was in confidence. I really ruined him with that one.

Lifton is raving. He hid it extremely well when he first began communicating with me, and probably did the same with Fred, although he would be especially afraid of me because of my training. He still hides it from some on the West Coast. Almost everyone thinks him a nut, though, and Vince said that a number of years ago he freaked out and disappeared for a few days and had everyone worried, and also that Ray took him into an emergency center one time when he flipped his lid, but then got scared when the psychiatrist focused on his ideas about the assassination being a conspiracy as his major symptom. (This is typical of psychiatrists.)

I'll write Paul about Z. Good idea. I should have thought of it. Will ask on Farewell, but am almost positive that Fred only has the Z film part.

I am in a rush for none of what I sent you. If I think something might be useful, especially in regard to Coup, I rush it off without asking, figuring that the return postage from your end isn't big burden considering my reasonably good judgment in the past about what would interest you.

Many thanks for all of the stuff on the West Coast people. I have the strong feeling that they are a bit two faced--all of them--including Ray, Maggie, and Bill. Lillian sounds a bit crazy besides, and that is probably her problem. I doubt if

June 17, 1969

Dear Dick,

Got your letter of June 12. Be sure to keep separate those things I copied for you and those which you will have to copy for yourself, since I sent you the only copies I had of some of those memos. [I may be confusing you with Harold on this, so if it doesn't apply, ignore it. I don't have a copy of my letter to you which would have been explicit.]

Coming under separate cover is a large package of items:

1. 3 pages of memos on Rose, plus a Rose handwriting sample--you will notice that it is identical with McNabb's
2. The Sterling memo
3. Some short info on Kroman
5. A thick packet of xeroxes of Sirhan clippings supplied to me by Fredd Newcomb

All of this you may keep and examine. Any you want copies of you will have to do yourself before returning them to me. There is a chance you already have some of this, and I am very low on money this summer since I have no financial support and will be living on my savings.

The Kroman story is a long one, and my file still has not been returned. He probably played two roles in the Garrison probe--as David Kroman and as the elusive Don Morgan. Both figured prominantly in the Richard Case Nagell story, and caused Garrison much loss of time and money, not to mention a near diversion of the whole investigation. While Turner also figured importantly and Rose played at least a small role, Kroman did the pushing. I have amazing stuff on Kroman which suggests that he has done much political assassinating of political leaders of importance on the liberal side. I think that I can show that he collected blackmail info on HHH through illegal means, and what I know of Kroman could itself fill a book. I also know for a fact that Kroman is not crazy. This appears to be his cover--if he is not for real, than he is a nut, as opposed to some sort of agent, etc. He plays the part well, as the documents I am sending you will give some indication, but made some crucial slips with me. My training does have some advantages occasionally. Also, an inside source of my profession has given me all the vital medical and psychiatric data.

Olson is trying to get photos from Nicol which he claims were never used by the Commission. Keep this quiet. As soon as they come, and if they are new photos, then you will get nice big good quality copies. It is all arranged. I have a guy who can copy photos for free, and do blowups. In fact, if you have any I don't have, just send the negatives and I will have it done fast, and get you an extra set also. Copying from positives is more difficult.

The assassination buffs who were in Ithaca are no longer there.

I have been showing the Z film at public lectures, and big ones at that, which were at least mentioned by the papers. Before having this 8mm version, I had a 16mm version made from Farewell America, and I have therefore been showing it for much of this year. Vince Salandria is having it shown at a small theater in Phila. It has once been shown on TV on the West Coast, and I am certain that it was Bill Turner who supplied the copy (either in Jan. or Feb. of this year). Any of us could be sued, but I don't think that we will be. You would be in the best shape since you are in Canada. Make sure no money is charged and that if you are to get a honorarium, that the film is not advertised as part of the show. As long as no profit is made, it will look much better. I have decided not to have the film advertised beforehand anymore--last time it was done against my expressed wishes. From now on I will make it clear that the speech is off if they advertise. My slides draw overflow crowds anyway, so there is no need for publicity of that sort.

Good luck with CBS. It might be a good source for early tapes which have long since been

Lifton is significantly distorting that. Many thanks for all of the info and the documentary stuff. I sent Fred a 5 page letter and am sending a copy to Dick Bernabei, George Rennar, Lifton (along with another indictment of him), and Paul and Hal in SF. I don't know about Paul, but Hal is not very negative about Lifton, probably because he sees only one side of him. By the way, I have sent copies of earlier letters to Fred to some of the same people, hoping to make a record known to a number of people that many false charges and ravings are floating around from both Fred and Dave. Fred and Marlynn will have trouble living with my last letter to them. This will be a good test of what they are made of.

I have similar impressions of Ray Marcus. My impressions of Hal are of a great guy and excellent researcher primarily, but I do think that being where he is leads to trouble because of inevitable association with Turner and Lifton.

On Olson, as soon as I get them, I will make you two sets, and send one to Dick directly. On Murr, though, I think that Reed may be right, especially since Fred for a while was sending me copies of his few letters to Gary, and they, if anything, tried to get the guys to work together. Fred has spoken to me about this. But no one has heard much from Gary Murr.

As for motive with the West Coast slanders, I would tend to agree about failure, etc. But there is another important factor with a number of the older, and first generation critics: they have quit, want to be remembered for their early discoveries which now are never mentioned and seem unexciting, and yet they have retired. You should, therefore, bring out more resentment than anyone, since you are the only first generation critic who has not retired, and who was really active in the Garrison thing. (Excepting Penn and Dave Lifton, of course, but they are both crazy, and what they have done counts little.) Furthermore, you have been the one who has called upon them for help, for memos, etc., and they have not come through, probably largely out of laziness. Even now you still await things from Maggie and others out there.

As for the charges, my letter to Fred indicated that I feel the need of absolutely nothing more from you, that I find the charges pretty close to 100% incorrect, and that everything which could be directly checked I found one hundred percent in your favor and indicative of dishonesty on the part of those making the charges, and that the rest was strongly supported in your favor based on the available evidence. I also pointed out that many of the charges were malicious lies, 100% refuted, and far worse than just gross exaggerations which were overstated. I also indicated that I think little of people who call you a liar about something which, even if their facts were correct, which they are not, would indicate only a biased account, something their own descriptions of event sare subject to. So spend no more time on this. They do not have a leg to stand on now and won't in the future, and the case I presented has started its circulation. Perhaps at least one good thing has come out of it: it has fereted out the people who would engage in such a thing and set the record straight for those who are appealed to by facts and reason.

Enclosed is a copy of that letter from Vince which I mentioned before and you wanted a copy of. It is a very cold letter compared to his usual to me. I think I can understand the type of disagreements and such in it and in your feelings about it. Also enclosed are my last letter to Paul R. and to Dick Bernabei.

Thanks again for all your trouble. If you want to see a copy of that letter I mailed Fred, I can send one, but will need it back, since I only have one left. I should have made more, but didn't realize until it was half typed that I would want to circulate it.

Best wishes. I hope that this finds both you and your wife in good health.

Gary

"lost" by the networks in this country. Much of that stuff must have been circulated before the destruction began.

I am hoping to go to Dallas during the second half of July and take with me a good photograph Think of what I can do for you, and figure out how to outline it for me. We will drive down as soon as things are in shape. This will send me into debt, but a trip anywhere would.

Glad to hear that you are on your thesis, but that will probably limit your time to work on the case. I have prelims in the Fall, so this summer will be hell. In fact, that is one of the reasons I am not hot to go to the Archives, even though I would very much like to finish up what I have begun there. I will need a non-studying break.

Ithaca is beautiful in the summer. I envy you being able to spend time there. Minneapolis is a rotten and boring place.

The stuff I am sending will be coming 2nd or 3rd class so it won't be there until days after this arrives.

Best wishes for a happy and productive summer.

Gary

cc:Harold