Dear Harold, 5-4-71

Thanks for your last few letters. Thanks for a copy of the press release, but I already had a pile from your publisher. In fact, when I gave Ned one, I typed some notes on it.

I saw an article in the paper today which mentioned an attempted escape by Ray. Was it a set up to get him killed? It was a dumb move for someone in his position who likely has people gunning for him.

The thing with Bud and the senator is, as far as I'm concerned, a repeat performance for him, and nothing new. He just can't be trusted to use judgment. It is unfortunate that Bud's law degree makes him someone who is tempting for you to work with. He has violated trust and common sense too many times for me. Agreed that he, like Garrison, is worse than an enemy. I would hate to see Bogg's get hurt. He is doing a fine thing. I can emphasize with his inability to get evidence on the phone company--I had the same thing with that long drawn out affair when the lawyers even admitted what was going on, but indicated that it would take several thousand dollars to trap the company. They even had someone answering my phone when I wasn't home, claiming to be my roommate (who I myself spoke to on the phone), and then refused to tell me who, and then later denied that any such incident or investigation had ever occurred, until I produced witnesses and then suddenly it had occurred.

Your letters to Boggs were good ones. Sometimes when conservatives come clean they are able to do a lot of good. Hoover's days have got to be numbered if an old fan like Boggs has had it.

I share your frustration with Bud and your memories of New Orleans. I too felt a need for catharsis when I was involved in those things.

The blacks have had a strange reaction to their murdered brothers, and in a way, it may reflect the heart of the slave which many of them still bear inside. As I have mentioned before, I too have had trouble involving blacks in studying assassinations of blacks. When I wanted to probe the assassination of Malcolm X and was collecting the info that I put in that memo to you for Coup, I could get only one black to help. Guys like William Worthy who have the status and who got the money to do the work never came through in the end, either with me or you (I gave him your name, address, and number). He reportedly was getting a quarter of a million to conduct a study and investigation.

The work on Mark you mention I think I read when I stayed with you almost three years ago--you were calling it "A Citizen's Decent." It's ironic that if the media were honest they could have torn Big Jim, ourselves, and the whole critic thing apart using honest examples. That's one of the reasons I wasn't aware of Garrison's faults for so long--the media attacks, all I had access to, were terrible and yellow press stuff. Ironically, the real story was worse.

Unfortunately I won't be able to make it east after "school" since, I am not really in school. Although my thesis is still in the offing, I am officially a full blown clinical psychologist and working 60 hrs. per week at it. It is full time, with a month off per year, which I am saving for a while. Right now the only plan is to visit San Francisco in June. I need a really long trip somewhere, away from psychology, the assassination, drug problems and speeches, etc. My last few vacations have been involved professionally or personally and not really been vacations. By the way, thanks for Hal's address. I hope we can get together--it's been a long time. I also hope to finally get to meet Paul. I hope I have enough time for all I want to do.

I hope this letter finds you and Lil in good health and spirits. Enclosed is something disgusting from Hargis. Best--

cc: Paul, Dick, Jerry

Gary