Dear Harold,

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Sorry to be out of touch again. From what Jerry said on the phone about a week ago you have not received at least my last letter, and perhaps my last two. It looks like mail problems are here again. Let me know if, and when, they arrive.

Agreed that this might be a good time for Mondale again, but I think that you should contact either he or Jaspers directly. You are closer and a direct contact would be appro#priate given your meeting with Jaspers previously.

From what Jerry said, things with the publisher are as they've always been-dismal. I see that you got the Nichols thing so that you won't need a copy from me. For some reason John always mails me one as soon as they are available.

Agreed that the Boggs thing is hopeful. It was the conservatives that did so much to break McCarthy when he went too far. Glad that you are feeding him material. I still have to write to Harry Edwards and Gloria Josephs about a committee on King, and the same goes for Playboy.

Jerry tells me that H & D have financial troubles. I hope that you don't end up losing any more than you already have through their failures.

As you undoubtedly know by now, Ned and I are still batting zero. Ned left me a note: "No luck with Stern. I saw the right man but he wouldn't buy it: 1. Not enough interest in Germany, 2. already published in USA, they only buy something at least a month prior to publication, 3. they may write an article. The last is hopeful. Ned went in using the name of his brother who is president of Olympia typewriter Co. Ned is fluent in German and has a German wife, and he went to the head office in Hamburg. The big problem is that with planning, before the book came out, had we known that the publisher had abdicated, we could have done a lot...even with the Tribune had we had the time. By the time we knew it was too late to really go through Cowles. Worst of all, Ned and I have both been very busy for the past month or so and really haven't had much time to do things--not even keep in touch.

On your letter of 4/13: Agreed on the incompetence of the publishers. Their failures are incredible. If they were even fair businessmen one would have expected them to try to do some of those things for their own benefit. Jerry told me that they were broke. If this is correct then some of it begins to make sense. Good work with Ray. I hope you are right about a breakthrough.

I agree with the content of your letter to Dick Sprague. He has not written since I returned his last letter, offered to discuss the case with the son of one of his business partners, and offered to let him visit our clinic.

Your mention of the Core Lakt bullet remined me of my interview with Chief Medical Examiner of M#pls. Using a reference, I ca#lled him as someone employed as a researcher in the medical school (I was in psychiatry research) who was plagued by a bad autopsy, asking him to interpret blindly and give ideas. I read the main parts of the JFK autopsy and he would not believe that it was for real. He suggested a cor lak (phonetic) bullet for the head wound. That was before Tink's book, and destined for the medical appendix, until Tink and I had a falling out and Wecht did the appendix.

It sounds like Jerry is doing a fine job with those secretaries. Why don't I ever get those jobs?

In terms of the possibility of a CIA plant on the Anderson story, there is also the ax job on the military, the CBS-connected stuff, the Khrushchev intell. memoirs. Everything aimed at the military except this one.

I am not usually at the free clinic at night. I work a very variable schedule at Mpls Clinic during the day, and sometimes end up staying there until as late as 9 PM, although usually leave about 6 PM. I am busy doing PR for the free clinic, and meeting with and consulting with other community groups. In short, I am very hard to reach. I spent an enjoyable evening last week with Dr. David Smith, the young physician who founded, and now heads, the Haight-Ashbury Free Clinic. He is quite a guy--sensative and concerned, and our politics are similar. He has long hair and really blew minds at our posh clinic in the suburbs where I invited him to blow minds. His new book's title is self-descriptive: Love Needs Care: The Story of the Haight-Ashbury Free Clinic. I myself one day hope to be part of a free clinic which does not charge its clients and which offers care in a manner in which people can come to get it. He invited me out there for a visit and I hope to be able to go for a week around the 19th and 20th of June when there is a national heroin conference in San Fransico. Eventually I will end up, I think, faced with a decision of a Free Clinic vs. a private one. That is how the lines are shaping up for the 70's.

Glad to hear that you are getting out in the garden. Our weather is nice, but it still goes down to 30 at night, and is only 45 in the morning. I have played tennis a few times and am hitting the best since the loss of the vision in the one eye. My physical shape isn't too good and I'd like to get back into shape this year.

Agreed that you and the book have met acid tests. Fred Cook's fine review did it justice. I will try to find time to get off some letters. The time is ripe, but it would sure help to have a big publisher now.

Enclosed is a check. It isn't for much but should help out some. I trust that this letter will find both ####### you and Lil in good health and spirits. Best wishes.

cc:paul, jerry, dick