March 30, 1971

Dear Harold,

By now yuu may have heard from Ned. A relative of his wife is in poor health and so they are goingt to Hamburg, Germany. That is where Der Stern is publ. so I called O & D to see if it was OK for an approach. They were out, the secretary liked the idea, and we decided that they should return my call only if it was not OK. Ned will try to call them in NY. Ned's brother, a lawyer, is director of Olympia Typewriters, a big German firm, and Ned speaks fluent German, so it would seem to be a good bid for serialization by Der Stern. Ned may call you too, but I felt that if he had time for a call from NY, it should be to O & D since he will be representmng them and we don't want them to slipup if he makes progress. I hope that O & D are doing something about Paris Match and EPOCA at least. Jerry described their efforts in the same manner you did on the phone. It is clear that he is doing a lot.

I will write to your cousin. I have no real suggestions for you in the matter. Most people who are in need of help get it from relatives, ministers, etc. according to the research. I can't do much by mail and will write her and explain it. I don't know quite what to suggest in that area, but a good therapist could untangle the situation. In the case of Mary Ferrell I was able to get recommendations of good people because I knew money was no problem, but it is more difficult if money is. In this area I would have no trouble, but I don't know people in Washington or Baltimore. So, I will try to write a helpful letter I would basically suggest not getting too involved personally since it can be a double edged sword. It sounds like she needs to take more responsibility for what she's up to#. Unfortunately, people in that boat try to get others to prescribe actions and therefore take responsibility for their outcome.

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Well, some things came up so I had to continue the letter a few days later than I started it. In the meantime I have had a good conversation with Jerry. I trust that Ned is doing well in Germany. Gary Sotebeer at Assoc. Personalities called to say that someone else in their organization is busy looking for public speaking for Harold, but that it will be far easier when the book gets some publicity. LaVonne Fisher (her husband Charlied and she have been constant supportests of my work, and they helped organize the trips by civilians to meet with the Vietnamese in Paris) called to say that there was a good review of FrameUP in Saturday Review. Now I won't have to write to Norman Cousins. Ironically, I had the letter started, but did finish it on time. I met him, and he invited correspondence, about a year ago when he was here. I never got around to following up since I# had so much on my mind. We will be getting Mpls. bookstores, hopefully, to stock the book. From your last letter, your NY exploits sound wild. However, as we have all independently concluded, there is a big job ahead if the book is to go. A Foreman suit is one danger I discussed with Jerry on the phone. Another is that people just won't learn of it and it won't get in the stores because of the failure of the publisher and distributor. Thebest way to fight this problem is by contacting stores one by one and getting them to stock it. If the book will just get a bit more off the groupd, public appearances will be easy to come by, and then more radio and TV will follow. I just wish I had more time--thank god we have someone like Jerry. The legal investigators are pretty conservative--it's hard to say whether they would be interested. As part of planning for future appearances, I strongly advise getting together with Robert to have a set of slides made of important photos and closesups of letters and important documents. I think that you have copies of my Milteer file slides. Slides add immeasureably to presentations. You could use one of the Jacobs sketch.

On your cousin again, I'm glad that she can come to you and talk. I will send a copy of the letter I write her. I would rather not do any more MMPI mail business. It is a violation of our cannon of ethics to do consultation other than in person. With you it is more personal advice for me to make comments, but even there skirting ethical restrictions. The biggest thing I have against it is that tests only give hints and ideas, and are not absolute. In your case I have independent knowledge of you, but trying to help people you have not interviewed is bad business. Worse than that, you are only able to give people a 1/10 of what is possible. I will try to make some inquiries about therapists in that area, but do not give her any hope about it because I don't have any good contacts. I will not even tell her, I don't think, what I plan. In the case of Mary's boy, you may remember, I offered free, first rate professional help, if he would come to Mpls--it is only here that I felt I could be of use. This always brings some regret and pain. My own sister, who visited a year ago, needs help badly, but is in Provo, Utah, where I know no therapists. Here I could have gotten her the best.

Under separate cover are coming to you some more Hargis newspapers and a letter Longbottom sent you a year ago which I neglected to return. I finally wrote him, explained that I had been busy, explained that I did not have much impulse to write him because he was not using his head and I had more important things, etc. I did comment on his theories once more and pointed out that it seemed that he just did not want to be convinced and was grindingthe commission's ax. I also pointed out that we did not have any real investment in any particular theory, since all the facts were not in, but felt that the facts should be brought out and examined with advocates present. The exact timing of shots, while we debate it a lot, doesn't really mean shit--the basic point is that the official version is dead wrong and the thing needs full investigation.

Well, I'd better close now. I have to get started on a dissertation sometime soon, but just can't seem to get going. Best to you and Lil.

Harry