Dear Harold, Jan 23, 1971

I've finally got some time to sit down and answer a lot of unanswered letters. I greatly appreciate your having kept me up on things although I'm afraid that it has been hard for me to keep up my end of the relationship. For the past several months I have been under an inordinate amount of pressure, both physical and emotional, primarily at work. For the past two weeks I have been exhausted and depressed and until recently hadn't understood why. Both myself and one other of us has been caught in a crossfire between some people on our staff who haven't been doing their job and for whom we have had to cover and our senior staff who should be taking responsibility. Their own anger has led them to want to avoid the unpleasantness, so we have had to take up the role of trying to fix things up. Pretty soon we were in the position of being resented by both parties. To make matters worse, the work load has largely fallen on our shoulders so that I work 50-60 hrs. per week. Doing that much of this type of work is unreal. Well, with the help of a social worker who could look at the thing more objectively, we now have unraveled this mess and realized why we are into this type of burden. I hope it will be dealt with this coming week. In any event, we are simply going to refuse to do all that work. I have been getting done at 9 or 10 at night, coming home and resting, and yet not even getting a restful sleep. I know it sounds a bit hard to believe that people who are therapists themselves could get into such a bind, fail to see it, and remain in it so long, but bankers are terrible with money and doctors are bad about their own health. I went home to Phila. to see my parents who had been missing me a great deal and expected to be able to visit you and Lil and perhaps Jerry, but things got badly fouled up there and I ended up without a car and having to stay around to try to see my old girlfriend. At the end of the vacation she got engage to someone else, we never really got a chance to talk, and I had had no vacation. The people I wanted to work things out with like she and my parents really avoided communicating emotionally and it was an ironic# waste of my time. For once I contributed nothing to any of the foulups. So, right now, I have put that aspect of my life behind me. But I'm sorry that I did not get to see you and Lil and Jerry.

Let me begin going through you letters now.
Glad that Ned got in touch with you, although only briefly. I haven't spoken to him in over a month, but when I last spoke with him he said that you were helpful. I haven't heard much from Mary, except for a Christmas card, and assume that she is involved with personal troubles. Nothing new on that case, but I hope we do get to the supreme court and overturn the state's right to that sort of immunity with regard topeople's lives and welfare. Civil committment is a longstanding political and social weapon and I wish the conservatives would be more vocal in their opposition to it. Glad that you followed up that Army Intelligence stuff. There is a big investigation out here. I do not have the time or energy for involvement, although I am keeping a ready ear lest the name James Murray pop up. Basically I am a bit wary of the whole thing, wondering what power allowed the story to break, and who figures in the gathering of info from those who know about Army Intelligence activities. In your letter to Frankel and Vanocur of 12-2 you forgot to mention the Army Intelligence men (in an Army Intell. car) who hung out the whole time we were at WLOL in that gas station, and my subsequent finding out that he had never seen them before or after that one day. But also bear in mind that when Army Intelligence is getting caught all over the place some other power group in the govt. (i.e. CIA) could well be helping point the finger. From the Green Beret case to My Lai the CIA has also had a role and as we know, there is a good deal of fighting within the intelligence community.

Your 12-2 to JE Hoover mentioned a spent bullet found in Dealy Plaza--what's happened to it. I too would suspect a plant. Yes, what was pending

with Johns case was the decision on the govt.'s motion to dismiss. Agreed, of course on Fisher's importance. The only question is, why does he have such a stake in this--one even greater than that of the justice dept. I have gotten a kind letter from your publishers and a check for the sketch from Memphis. As soon as Ned returns the Crafard file I will send it to you so you can copy anything you want. I am sorry not to have responded to your questions about Paul, but I'll deal with that later.

If you can find it I would greatly appreciate a copy of that letter sent you by Mr. Ross Ralston in Mpls. Or send me the original one & I will copy it.

The mail difficulties are beginning to sound like the old days. The only one I have had connection with in a long long while is the twin mailings from Memphis.

In regards to NBC and Army intelligence, I don't wish to get involved. I don't trust them or their### motives. I have no more than what I have given you on Powell, save for many blind alleys. Dick S. got in touch with his old commanding officer who is now in Kansas City, or so he claims, and he knew nothing either. As for Jim Murray, all I have is his unsubstantiated admission that he was working for someone, the exact knowledge that he is now dead and confirmation of it, and a brief Vita which shows his as Army intelligence in the past. If one of us wanted to untangle the story of his life and fate I would be glad to help, but I would not trust NBC. I still regret my work with CBS and I rate NBC much lower than them. Ned, by the way, has not mentioned the Powell & Army Intell. thing to me, although it may be because we have not been in touch. Roberts may well have snowed him. Ned wants badly to believe in the Establishment because, in terms of wealth and social position, he is high up in it. To challenge it is to challenge his family and his life. Much of his sudden investment in this subject is, I think, to try to check it out and find us wrong. That's why I am never sure how much I can expect from him when. In fact, the last time we saw each other it was only for a few minutes and he seemed so taken with Roberts I got a bit upset and asked him about the barefaced lies in Roberts book about things that he had to know about like the Z film and missing frames. Ned tried to pass them off as errors but didn't get far, and we agreed to discuss it further. I pointed out that Meehl and our regents professors all liked Warnew and considered him a reasonable and honest man--for about a week, and even that required forgetting a few things that everyone knew. So, as nice as it would be to have someone with Ned's power, immense fortune, and contacts, I do not know how much he will be involved since I feel it has a lot to do with his own personal concerns (i.e. I really shook him up when he first heard me speak, couldn't sleep, etc.). This is difficult to explain in a letter and does not involve distrust of him or his conscious motives, but rather boservation of his behavior with regard to all this.

On Jim's book, even Vince, who still feels Jim is a great man, was disappointed, saying it was a replay of his old theories and old info. I haven't seen the book yet, but it doesn't surprise me thathe has gone to great lengths to credit everyone.

I will try to remember to get in touch with Gary Short. I was supposed to call him some months ago because they wanted me to sign a contract. Actually I am a bit surprised that he has never called me back. I decided against the contract, and while he may have assumed it by now, he didn't know it at the time.

I have Kaiser's book but have not read it. The psychological test data in the back are convincing for paranoid schizophrenia--they are way out! But, as you have already pointed out, that would make Sirhan among the easiest types to use.

Yes, I too got a letter from the archives about those documents. I guess I'm still listed as a critic despite my inactivity. I felt a lot of nostalgia when I opened that letter. I haven't written the archives

in a year or so, and it's been a long time since I kept a regular correspondence up with them.

No, none of my people get the N.O. papers. I didn't clip out stuff on the Army Intelligence thing--I was preoccupied. Hope your report on a new N.O. probe are off. The item about the sea rescue off of Cuba is interesting but I have no info on it. I will read Kaiser and do a memo on it. But, from what I know, while the theory is possible, Kaiser's reasons for believing in it, while convincing to layman, are not sound. Hypnosis, as I told big Jim and the N.O. people, and as I have discussed it with you, is very tricky and far different from popular beliefs. I do it myself, have researched it, done experiments on it, and was trained by one of the best. I do this to emphasize that theories which involve hypnosis are hairy and there are many normal and psychopathological states which have# aspects which resemble hypnosi (some people use these to try to prove that there is no such thing as hypnosis.

In terms of archives documents, I do not have the time to do any work on them, and think it would be wasteful at this distance and late time in the case. On Ned, I don't plan to tell him anything about Ferrie or any other security items. The thing on the fingerprint on WASP leaflet still upsets me, but it's just more federal suppression. I remember us discussing that one some long time ago--years ago I mean.

Reading your 1/4 I am very sorry that I was just too out of it to answer it earlier. I too have been disappointed at not hearing from Mary and of broken contact with her in terms of promises. I still do not have a followup on that one very tantalizing lead I picked up in Dallas about the Motel, guy who preceeded LHO, and who spent his nights at the Carousel and called N.O. at night (and had Nazi propaganda). As for Ned, as I have already explained, I think that this thing has an important personal element in it, and thus his committment to it is affected by other than just concern over who killed JFK. His running around the country interviewing people, trying to meet critics, reading frantically, having two research assistants working on it, and keeping me up late responding to his questions. Even having me tested by Guido Calerazi of Yale Law School, and Belton Copp from Boston. Basically, I think that this thing threatens the hell out of him and he is, at least unsonsciously, trying to disprove our ideas. This has all become blearer in the past two months, and it was a very close friend who has other knowledge of Ned who first brought some of the more obvious details to my attention when he saw me being exhausted trying to keep up with Ned's insatiable needs. So, basically, I wouldn't advise going to any great lengths in his direction. Had I come to these realizations earlier, I would have written you sooner. I will check with him about the money he owes you. He still owes me some two. And yes, he is a good example of a rich person who is paranoid about being taken advantage of. But he also doesn't like being in people's debt.

I appreciate your concern about my analysis, but it has not been that which has affected my communication dropoff. It has only been this incredible pressure. In a way, analysis may have affected it in that it has gotten me concentrating so much on my end of things and also led to periodic depression that this most recent problem was not seen as coming from another and more reality-based source. Thank god that one of the other psychologists at the clinic was in exactly the same boat. We will hash this out in a big group session. There was a lot of relief this Friday just in finally coming to grips with what has been happening. The emotional gross-currents were far worse than the work, although it is worth noting that since Jan. 4 my total services have grossed the clinic over $2,000! Ironically, I have been low on money and have been conserving it due to car trouble and the fear that I may have to get a new one. It is still the old 1954 shevy which I bought in the middle of the night, somewhere about 50 miles N. of Kansas City, sight unseen, on my way back from Dallas, from a State Trooper who gave me info on Curry. This is the main reason, despite an urgent feeling about calling you and explaining what has been going on

in my life, I decided not to call. I figured it would, by my own necessity, be a long call, and that I just could not afford it now. Both now and in the past, both with you and with others who I care about, not having money has been felt most in terms of not being able to make long distance calls.

Thanks for the Anderson column on the guy whose ulcer was missed and who was put on a Psych ward. It sounded like 1984. By the way, no reputable hospital reads patient's mail--that's real 1984 stuff in our profession. And he was a clinical psychologist himself--that brings it close to home!

Back on the U. police-military intelligence connection, I want to reiterate that I don't expect to get involved because I have a zero expectation of us getting anything out of it. The probe they have planned sounds like little more than a coverup, and it could even be designed to ferret out those who have info on intelligence activities. And, there are too many new names and faces involved. I still can't understand why so much happens here. Kroman used it as his base of operation, even when he was operating off the Florida coast. That FBI agent provocateur ended up here. And now the big break in military intelligence surveillance. To me this is a dull place, but apparently not to everyone.

Just noticed your note of 1/8 saying that Ned was sending you the money. That's good. I won't have to ask him. The indicatinns that much of the classified stuff was published elsewhere does not surprise me. Just as we have seen stuff classified in one file, but not in another. I don't have that clipping on the recruitment you mentioned in your 1/10. Or at least I have been unable to find it. My files have never recovered from that summer two years ago. You may remember that all my files were out on the floor being reorganized when I left to see the fireworks at Powderhorn Park. When I returned 13 days later I couldn't see except by crawling on the floor and I had to stuff them all in boxes randomly because I had to move out of the apartment before I left for Phila.

What ever happened to Sylvia and Lifton. I remember your frantic letters urging her not to strike out at him because of his instability, even though she was fed up.

I greatly appreciate your concern about my personal situation. You are right about unresolved feelings about Marion. The major part of the frustration was not being able to talk some things out with her about both of our feelings. She has done a lot to try to perpetuate a relationship.

In answer to your question, yes, both electrical brain stimulation and behavior modification techniques can be used for nefarious purposes, just like atomic energy. Likewise ESP (the CIA tried to recruit PE Meehl years ago to put together a "thought police"). Hopefully there will be more humanists or rebels amongst us then there were among physicists in the '40's.

Judge Williams letter overwhelmed me with disgust. Your letter to him was excellent. From your 1/15, maybe I'd better get in touch with Ned. On second thought, let me wait for one more letter from you to confirm that you haven't gotten a letter from him. I'll send that Nix print off to Jerry this week.

On Paul, I do feel that he has been under relentless attack and that some of his letters have not been read carefully. I think it would have been good, after the initial blast, to stick to single issues, but neither you nor Paul nor anyone else did that. I think that Paul is not sufficiently aware of what is on his mind and his own motivation in that all of us very different people found his stuff way out, especially in that his experiment was being used as a vehicle for expressing doubts about all kinds of things which he may have had for a long while. We were all unaware of these feelings until recently. It is unfortunate that there has had to be a breakup in relationships as a result.

Well, I'd better go now. I have lots more letters I have owed for months. Take care and give my regards to Lil. As ever--

Gary