

1/26/72

Dear gary,

although you have not had time to look ned up since you wrre here, i have decided to write you this letter the ellipsis of which is not accidental. you will recall that i asked you to find out why he delayed so long returning mt thinkd to me, why he never responded to my repeated requests, an why he has failed to provide the assurances that he has shown the documents and writing to nobody, as agreed, and has in no may made any use of any of it.

i told you that i regard his failure to do what with most men their consciences and self-respect, if not their integrity, would have dictated is inconsistent with my feelings about ned and his character. i also did not hide my beliefs about an ego involvement he might not recognize or be aware of and said that this is what i fear more than any native crookedness, which i have never believed flaws his character and still do not.

i now have what i regard as solid proof that ned has breached my trust. i think this has to be resolved quickly and rapidly. this, among other things, means to me that he may have an additional emotional involvement that may also avoid conscious awareness.

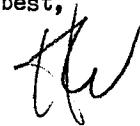
when i add these thing to what i do not hesitate to describe as an unmanly refusal to respond to what i think most people would regard as reasonable and obvious questions and the state of his emotional involvement th_at was so clear when he was here the last time and in his subsequent letters, i feel more than that writing him would do no good, not get an answer if the many other letters did, and that his normal defense mechanism would be to take offense, to transfer in his mind. he would only, among other things, get angrier at me for what he, not i, did. so i am writing to ask you to seek him out as soon as you possibly can, for, although i know how busy you are, this is important and i must cope with it, as i have been to your knowledge in ways that i now more than ever must insist you keep in total confidence because of what i have learned, in fact, have ib my possession, sine you were here. shoul you want to give ned a copy of this letter, i enclose acopy. if you do not, please return it so i will have an extra copy in the event some misrepresentation of it comes back to me a possibility the record makes seem possible, for it has happened before.

let me make it as clear as i can. i am not now asking what i earlier asked, if ned had made any use of my work and materials. he did. i am asking him to say all that he did, with any of it, including what is copyrighted.

no time for more. the bad thumb, while still not painful, is weli swollen so i can't jar it. i have added a second splint hat does keep it from bending, but using the hand at all in typing does jar it. no weeping today, but i am taking no chances of any kind an if the swelling does not soon go down, i will go back to the doctor.

heard from paul v. yesterday. they did carry a story on your conference. he and i missed it because of the section in which it was. when he has time, p.v. intends to try and carry the baltimore part further. and i have written the friend of whom i spoke to see if his people see the book i described. p.v. was much impressed.

best,



2/4/72

Dear Gary,

I think I enclosed a copy of a general statement on the thumb when I prepared it after seeing the doctor. If I didn't, it seems to be coming along okay. I am to avoid any kind of violent contact of it with anything until after consultation with an orthopaedic surgeon 3/1, that time required for whatever inside is reflected in a good sacring over. The tentative prognosis is that there is gristle damage and as I understand it, the remaining question is does it or can it weaken the joint so that other and more serious damage can result from an accident that becomes more possible, like applied force with the hand in some kind of activity.

I have not thought through your letter of the 30 as it relates to Ned. I had a reason for not specifying, and it has not changed. Whatever Ned has or has not done can't be taken back. He did use some of my material, but not in any way connected with Marshall or that mess. The fact is that he did use what he was not to have used. Given one case, which I recognize could have been of innocent intent, at least from his point of view - and I am not attributing bad motive - when I face coping with that with which I must, I cannot ignore the possibility of others. Now you may have other explanations and they may in fact be the reality, but until I am satisfied with something other than that is his was, I think and will continue to think that it is a truly remarkable coincidence that after repeated and unanswered requests, none of which should have been necessary, he did not return anything until the time of the Lattimer business, after it was public, I think, but certainly in the works and known to me. The time lapse is more than two months. I'm not checking files because there is no need and that is bad for the thumb, jammed as they are.

What is involved is a question of personal honor and integrity. Each of us is individual in this respect. But what is normal when a thing such as developed between Ned and me comes about, the normal thing is to return everything, promptly. Were I Ned I'd have enclosed a statement saying that I was pledged to confidence (you, by the way, were an exception, for I encouraged him to consult with you) and that I had kept it and had not kept any copies. If I had spoken to anyone, I'd have said so. I would have considered my own integrity required this. Now, maybe Ned is different, does not feel this way, has his own attitudes and reactions. Well, there came a time when he did not supply these assurances, and given what he had said of his intentions, I felt I had reason for ~~approx~~ apprehension, and I asked for them. I can't find any rational explanation for his refusal to provide them. He very well knows the only exception besides you that I may have had, and then if Harder could set it up, with John Cowles. On the simplest basis, these are assurances to which I am entitled. On a more personal ~~last~~ basis, regardless of any ego involvement or concept of self, there has to be a streak of real bastard in Ned, given what he knows about our lives and the hours I continue to work after all these years and my age for him to give me any worry, needless or not, or to force me to waste time writing the same thing over and over and over when all I ask is the norm and what, if he has any real self respect, I should not have had to ask for more than once. Frankly, I resent this much. And you can say anything you want in explanation, I do not ignore the simplest one, that he cannot truthfully provide such a statement. If he can, I find no rational and reasonable reason for not doing it.

Regardless of the exalted opinion he has of his own judgement and knowledge, both of which have been established as somewhat less than his apparent belief, I have a very real thing to cope with. Its origin just does not make sense, that in the name of the Kennedys their trusted counsellor would further defame them, besmirch their name, foul the whole thing up worse, and without any apparent need. There has never been a time of less interest and there was absolutely neither demand nor need to give anyone any kind of access. In order to do what was done, law, regulation and contract all were violated. Now henceforth regard anything I say on this subject as confidential. I did not tell you not to tell Paul, but you should have thought that either I had told him, which I had not, or I did not want to, which was the case. I caught them, before the fact, and forced them to do certain things, some of which I already have in my possession. One is so persuasive that Paul V is running a bit of risk and going against my advice (on the basis of possible hurt to him) to talk to

already hungup people on this. All the self-considered kings, queens, dukes and princes go around being in their own eyes bigwheels and doing things they little understand and do not try to, but in the last analysis, every one of these things either does not get coped with or I have to do it. In most cases, I have the undoing of something one of us has done to include. How do we ever know with what effect? But you know of something that was to have happened and hasn't. I know of no effort made other than mine, and you know the reaction of one of those involved. There has been an ex-post-facto change in regulations for the second time in a belated effort to cover illegality I proved. Are all these things without meaning? Now Lattimer has delayed indefinitely any writing. I have this from him in writing. Who put any pressure on him on this?

I could continue this indefinitely. I made clear to you my personal feelings, that if we are all free and all have the rights all others have, we all also have obligations. If people are serious, they owe responsibilities to others. And if they are out of it, they have the obligation to stay out of it and not fuck up what is being done and can be or to as the very minimum learn what is afoot, what it can mean, how they can hurt by innocent error of what to them is the best intention. There are very few doing any real work any more. All are political infants at best, and ours is a political, not a factual problem. I have reluctantly reached the conclusion that with each there is an ego involvement, each wants to go down in history as the hero who did it all, all alone, unassisted. I think none of them is really aware of this, and I think some, without consciousness, are interested in what it can do for their careers. As you know, I have decided that if I have to cleanse us, I will. And there is no exception to me being loaded with fact, fact, fact, documented. I do not want to. But I am prepared to, and that is a book that can pay for itself. We are rapidly getting to the point where it may be a minimum necessity.

And this goddamned backbiting! You must keep this absolutely to yourself, but the most recent case is against you. Did you know you have to be some kind of a paranoid? Sylvia is the source. Something you told her about someone answering your phone in your absence. She has told this to more than one person. Only one has told me. You say nothing to anyone or the one who has not told me will feed it back to her and that will do no good.

So, on Ned I'm leaving it where it is. He does provide what I asked or he does not. If he has done what is possible, triggered this desiring something else, that will be for him to live with. But in any handling of it I feel called upon to make, it will be without any basis for sympathetic understanding of why. I may never find out. But it usually happens that in one way or another I do learn what is behind these things, as you have often enough seen. If he has troubles with himself now, that is nothing to what he will have. I've over the ears in this kind of stuff.

Paul V: When he has time he plans to do the Baltimore story you discussed. They did cover the meeting, but the story appeared in a different section than news...don't forget the Marshall-Malcolm X thing. I'd hoped you would have sent it by now...Lil is exhausted, has been working until after 11, and was in her office at 7 this a.m....You should have enjoyed the reunions...We did...Thanks for the Hargis stuff. That is one of the areas I am going to have to cut back on. Unless there is something really important, don't bother sending me any more. Specific people, like Bringulier or Penabaz, that is different.

If you do not understand my attitude on Ned, I'm sorry. He abused us, as we see it, raised our hopes for nothing, and wasted much time for us. He was always chaging from one position to another after giving his word. We took his word. All of this that was painful to us was not in any single aspect because of anything we did or any change we made. If he hurts, he did it to himself. But there is this mess, I alone am coping with it, and I am determined to do it my way. I wish it did not have to be and did not then have to be this way. I see no alternatives. The day of dillitantism is past, at least so far as I am concerned. This is much too serious a matter for the indulgence of egos or fools. And I've put too much into it and had to take too much from too many, as you well know, for too long. Present choices are simple: I continue to try and do what I can, regardless of what it means or to whom, or I write off the waste of our lives as a futility. Should I have trouble making a choice? Best,

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Dear Harold,

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I enjoyed my brief visit with you. My whole vacation was a much needed rest, although I returned to a funding crisis which has kept me going day and night until today when I finished the grant. I wrote Paul of your conversation with Fred Graham before I read your letter advising me to keep it quiet, but I assume that no harm was done by that.

If and when I get through PM I will try to find time to make the notes you asked for. As for Burke Marshall, I think that we need to know a good deal more about his role before positing an explanation for the Latimer thing.

As for your questions about Ned, as I explained when I was with you, his slowness in responding is characteristic of him, and not just related to the things you asked. I also suspect that his upset and anger at the tone of your letters had the opposite effect of what you intended. To the best of my knowledge he has not breached any trust--could you spell out the basis for your belief that he did. He has, from time to time, indicated that you had told him things in confidence which did not include me, and he has always not filled me in. I have always felt that a good test of his keeping of your confidences.

I have not seen the Turner-Olson piece. The last time I visited Paul he indicated that he had not seen Don for some time. Don has not been in touch with me for years.

On Ned again, it would be a big help if you could spell out what you have evidence of, or fear, in direct and not elliptical terms. I will do my best to prevent anything on Ned's part which could create problems, and to ask him about giving assurances of his intentions, but need to know specifics before doing this.

I do not believe that the melon thing originated with Don and that Paul could have been pulled into it due to Olson's desire to "trade on Paul's name and unimpeachable reputation." From what Paul told me he had serious interest in the melon experiment. My major impression of Olson's work was that he was leaning over backwards to prove a theory.

Thanks for the schizophrenia newspaper story. I'm skeptical. They have been working with that group of chemicals for years, and big breakthroughs like this have been announced before and failed to hold up on replication. I hope that they are right, but doubt it.

I haven't heard from anyone from the Washington Post and assume that their interest was overstated by Paul Valentine. I am glad that they haven't been in touch given all the work I came back to. I always forget how much I have to do while I am on vacation and tend to make promises I can't keep.

That jar of cherry preserves I bought in Frederick is almost gone. Your recommendation was a good one--they were great.

I hope that Lil is well and not overworking. Could you ask her if income averaging is OK if the income for several of the years was college income (i.e. research assistantships, fellowships) on which no taxes were paid? Someone out here claims that college-type income doesn't count.

Hope that the finger is better. Glad to hear that you are still using the splint. Injuries to fingers and feet take a long while to heal because those parts of the body are in constant use.

My parents were glad to see me for a few more days. I make only rare trips home. It is good to have a nice friendship with Marion--before the relationship was resolved it was always a mixed experience to visit. Well, I'd better get some sleep--grant writing is tiring. Please take care of yourself.

Gary