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Dear Gary,

Thanks for your 9/26. Hasty response. Jim and I are in court tomorrow and next day.

If you old girl friend is Marian, I remember her from your references but rather than remembering she was a psychologist I remember your belief that she had psychological problems. This does not in any sense discourage me. Rather would I expect it to make her more understanding.

It may be that family therapy is indicated. However, I do not really think it will or can get to what I now want. I feel I need more understanding of how to deal with Jill, how to be supporting where I can honestly, and perhaps now most of all, how I can be of help in advance of it in the event anything happens to me. I do fear that as some point when she cannot escape the past she may come unglued. I'm not expecting to go today or tomorrow but there has been this major physical change and I do not have to tell you its potential.

This reminds me of the past, the time I blacked out and could not get any medical interest in it and had to fight to get those examinations you said were indicated. You and someone you don't know, a fine person in Nebraska, both said the same things and made the identical offers, that I go see you and see your medical people. In the end it worked out without thiw but in a sense I'm sorry now because I have a smilar need and can't get it met. You know me well enough to know that I have a need to know and to understand. Whether or not they know their business, the only medical people I can see are authoritarians who not only do not inform, they lie. GHA has not yet told me what happened to me. What I know I learned by other means. This I think naturally has undermined my lack of confidence in them even more and in turn that causes new apprehensions. Because I am still under GHA and have to be, any other plan requiring a waiver, I can't really do anything with anyone else around here. Except in what they consider an emergency. I have not even been able to learn what to expect, what is normal in the various discomforts, what is not normal. This has been more of a problem since a little before the middle of August, when I began to feel what I do not recall from the past and what had not happened in the past was visible, meaning it was also outside my own head. My left leg was more severely damaged. But then I began having more trouble with my right foot. It even swelled an inch. This troubled me because I could take it as indicating a new blockage. I wrote GHA several times, without response. My regular check is due day after tomorrow. The doctor who treated and saw me is off for 8 months. His replacement is the one I'll be seeing. I've written him telling him what I want to know. With no response to my expressions of concern I'm not hopeful. Going along xx with this right-foot trouble my toes on that foot now are consistently colder than those on the right. I do not know anything about anatomy but I have learned, outside GHA, that I'm reduced to the service of one artery in each foot, or was by the time I was hospitalized. Can you imagine my shock on learning months later that it is surprising there are no gangrenous symptoms in the feet? And how that now concerns me? So I believe that if my physical condition does not require it my peace of mind requires that I have an explanation of what to expect and what not to, what should send me to a doctor pronto. This all just occured to me because I'll be in Stevens Point, Wisconsion the week of 11/8. It would then be easier for me to stop off of those medical people in whom you had confidence years ago could, if they are still available to you and know enough about thrombophlebitis and the post-phlebitic syndrome, could take the time.

Another thing that makes this more troubling to me is that my hands also now stay cold. While I've never been 63 before, prior to this I rarely worse gloves because I do not like and them and rarely had the need. Now when it is 60° I wear gloves. Lil always warned her cold feet on mine.

I'm not clear on this but I think you then had in mind some people at Mayo, Mpls. I realize that if youd did they may not now be available to you. Maybe not Mayo if that is not the name of the University's hospital.

Lane won't go away and the harm is greater now than in the past, particularly on King. He and Gregory, neither of whom knows anything, are now doing a book on the King assassination. The House committee is crazy enough without that.

I know Dorland. He is a nice guy. He also needs your services. He is recomming fires over frying-pans in preferring Gonzalez to Downing, more because his only reason is Bud, who has bowed out as Downing's counsel. The choice between crazies is little choice.

You may not hear or see anything about Lane. But you may see those who see the underground press. If you have a relationship with any who do whatever they can supply that I would not see can be helpful. In part this is because you seriously underestimate this new investigation in saying no more than that you ~~xxxxx~~ "don't hold out much hope." If that were all I could see I'd not be worried. I expect it to be a real disaster. Now exists this limits choices and in the end means someone has to be in a position to do some countering.

Jim agrees that the time has come to do something about Lane. I ~~xxx~~ therefore also need anything and everything that can help in this. You can't provide what you do not see. But if you have any way of latching on to anything, that is, I think, what I had in mind. He is pretty much limited now to the underground press. In fact, he used a Washington paper of negligible impirtance to launch his newest thievery/corruption.

Tahnks and best,

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Dear Harold,

Thanks for your letter of Sept. 21.

This whole thing is taking much longer than it should, but I am relying on my old girlfriend in Phila. who was first out of town and has been very busy who in turn is trying to get good referral suggestions from Jay Haley, one of her bosses, who is one of the top family therapists in the country. He does some sort of consulting down in your area and so should be a good resource. We're looking for someone good who won't be thrown by your assassination background or "logical" style.

I wish Mark Lane would go away. Years ago I ran out of energy to oppose people like him, even though I agree that they do more damage than the opposition.

Lane's getting into the King thing is, frankly, no worse than half of what he did in the JFK thing. After a while he was no more than another Mort Sahl.

Frankly I don't hold out much hope for the federal investigation. I got a phone message the other day from Hal Dorland, with whom I am not in touch, but who is still in this area. He said in the message to send a telegram to Carl Albert asking that Gonzales get chairmanship of the committee. Apparently the other guy in contention was saying he'd appoint Bud Fensterwald chief counsel, and Hal couldn't stomach that. If Bud gets it we will be reading "confessions" by "assassins" before long.

While I'm not exactly in love with Carter, I'd like Ford out of there in the biggest way. Unfortunately, Carter seems to be screwing himself out of the election. As you know, my stock in Mondale has been gradually going down, especially since he would take no real stand on the case.

I'll get in touch as soon as I hear something. I doubt if I will hear anything about Lane--I'm not in their social group.

Gary