Dear Gary,

6/24/77

Early on the 10th I left for Dallas, that evening Ray escaped and either before or after you wrote. Lil read you letter but has had no comment, no reaction and there had been no unpleasantness.

She did a good job of filtering the calls she referred to Dallas. Those that came through kept me up until 4 a.m. and 2 a.m. and I've beeh trying to reform. While weary enough to have no choice.

Only one dirty trick, by one of a couple of TV reporters (WFAA) who have become buffs. They wanted me to say there was a conspiracy to get Ray out of jail and kill him and I wanted to avoid a hassle so I evaded. They deliberately misread this to mean I had said there was such a conspiracy - I never did or thought it - and made the UPI A wire with coast to coast bullshit attached to me.

The only one to print a correction was Hugh Aynesworth, who was kind in many small ways. Everyone was very nice to me. I stayed with the Jim Tagues. Good people.Dillard let me have his other two pictures of the curbstone impact!. Mary got over her pique and took us all out to a fine steak dinner, with Buck.

The stories you saw were by Gardner or Rawls. Both are accurate. Each made its point. I have done more than this.

Mo Waldron also apparently did a story on me that appeared about the 6th. I have not seen it. It appears to have been the cause of ABC's insisting that I go to New York to do the Good Morning America show. I'd turned it down twice because I wanted to complete the work for which I'd gone to Dallas and being half-way to Calif. continue out there for other pruposes. The reasons given to pressure me in Dallas were good ones so I called Jim. his advice that I do it decided me. It seems to have gone well. Little reaction but all good/

Guess I don't have the physical stamina I did. I was tired by the time I got home. Fell asleep sitting up 3 of the first 6days. Also had some leg trouble, the second bout now in its sixth day but easing off. Always disconcerting. Wrote explanation to GHA doctor who has not responded. Easing off enough for me to walk mostly without limping and to push a lawnmower for a half hour this evening.

While I can't blame it on Paul because this committee was bound to be no good the fact is that they did as he urged,which as I made him like me less by telling him was the sure way not to succeed. For so bright a guy how his political judgement can be so stupid and how he can fail to learn baffles. He did the same thing with the Rockefeller Commission.

Lil has been enormously helpful in using our new copying machine. She probably made close to 20,000 copies. In addition to what you know about I'm also getting all they'll let out on drugs and mind-bending. I give dupes of most to Jim, of this to one you do not know, one with a long and fact-based interest in it. With a better and much faster machine instead of writing out notes I make copies of the records and file them as I intend to use them in writing. Originals remain intact for university.

If I get any more on Kara-p I'll send it. There is a large box long overdue but I doubt I'll get to go through it at all soon.

The CIA checked Reggab out. He was a faker. You may recall I had doubts.

Things are going as they were.

Best,

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June 10, 1977

Dear Harold,

I got to Wisconsin for a week of consulting-whence came the stationery.

Many thanks for your recent letters (4/20 & 5/12). Sorry to be so slow in answering. I appreciate your kind comments on our work on the sex between client and therapist issue. I also appreciate your straightforward feedback on my "advice."

You are right. I was trying to give you a bit of a pep talk I guess, although I didn't think of it that way at the time. Basically I feel that you are too hard on yourself and sometimes don't give yourself enough credit, whether for your efforts vis a vis the marriage or your efforts directed at Lil's personal welfare.

I don't feel that there is a contradiction in what I was saying, although I can see how it came across as confusing. Basically, what I was saying is that there is no such thing as a "mistake" in personal relationships. You follow your feelings and do your thing in that complicated context which includes your wife, yourself, and all of the outside forces which are impacting on you. Sometimes the timing is bad and events cause things to happen which would not have otherwise happened--but often these things are outside the control of us ordinary mortals.

I not infrequently look back at relationships far less important than a marriage which has lasted as long as yours and wonder what would have happened if one thing or another had been different. I always come up with no clear answer. So, had you known that certain physical symptoms were emotional in basis, and had you acted differently, would things now be good between you and Lil. Perhaps...but it is impossible to know.

Suffice it to say that what worked earlier in your relationship didn't continue to work, perhaps entirely because Lil needed to do some growing on her own and didn't. Your ability to encourage this is limited if she wasn't buying it. Now she has erected walls and probably misinterprets your attempts to be helpful.

I was sorry to hear that the improvement was so temporary, but I guess I expected it as apparently did you.

To change the subject, thanks much for the material you sent. The Kara-patznitsky stuff was of interest although I would like to see more info on the interview which is referred to. From what is here all that is clear is that K-P allegedly denied contact with LHO--However, that doesn't convince me...especially given the rest of what we know about K-P. After all these years he still ###$ is of interest and

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thus such tidbits are much appreciated.

You got some good press out here in terms of criticizing the Committee. This is one of the first times I've seen a critic quoted giving reasonable criticism where it has not been a blatant attempt by the media to use one critic to sink the whole effort.

I have had no contact with the Committee. From what Paul tells me there is little reason to. His experience has been similar to yours.

I am fascinated by the H.L. Hunt stuff surfacing again. The disinformation hasn't changed too much over the years. Tonight CBS is going to hang the Bay of Pigs on the Kennedys--possibly part of the same mythmaking that the Schweiker-Hart people started.

Well, back to the ########## grind again. I came back to the usual pile of work and unexpected crises.

I hope this finds you in good health and spirits.

Regards,

Gary