Dear Gary,

12/30/77

The postscript to your 12/27 says you got a letter from my Calif. friends who you met through Hal Verb and that you'll write them about China. From this I take it you mean the Whites, so I rush to let you know that Jenifer died in October. Jim seems to be taking it as well as possible, better than I'd expected because of their closeness over so long a period. However, you might want to merely address him and say nothing about Jenifer.

Except for something Mary and others decribe as major, Paul one of these others, and for the certainty of his thievery, there is nothing about which Lifton could write that would interest me. He is bugs- nuts. Bright, alas, and very sick. If his book ever comes out nothing remains for him, I fear. If he had any kind of book at all I think the past two years presented the best market period since the earliest days. I have heard of his having been in New York and having seen publishers there on a number of occasions in recent years. But maybe this time it will be. I leave the reaction of his mind and his sickness to your skills in that field.

Howard is an unimaginable joy and not only because I believe I was able to help and guide him in his more formative years. Mostly because he is so magnificent a human being. Were he my son I'd feel no more warmth.

You say that Policoff and others are saying "negative things" about the House committee. Not a bit too soon, is it? I'm the perpetual optimist but I learned a hard lesson about separating hope from reality with Garrison. My attitude toward these assassins has not changed. The only difference is that I began by giving them a very real chance. One of the few good ones there ran some risk to phone me after they got in trouble and to say Man I never heard anything laid out as straight and as totally accurate in advance in my life. I predicted what would happen to them, even how it would happen, and outlined the only way of circumventing it. I then let them have precious material of significance, not gibberish about nut theories. I gace them the entire corpus delecti in the King case and affered it with JFK. I broke off only after repeated ethical transgressions. I did not expect better because my analysis told me not to. It was totally correct. But I felt not only that I had to given them a chance - I also had to have the record I do have because of the Lanes of this world and field. Not the CIA, as Lane loves to day but I am the source of the telling Times and Post stories exposing them. However, they have some internal, staff pressures. So they may issue a report. I fear that the pressures may be along nut lines.

I was gentle with Krueth. It was silly to transcribe abything Bud said. I hope he can get back to earth. He seems like a good person.

Little else new. You'll have gathered the medical news from the enclosed letter to Jim. Another wonderful one. Richly endowed, like Howard, and like Howard willing to learn. He's still too much of a flower boy, though, for a lawyer in tough cases. His briefing is the best. Great stuff.

I'll be writing a Paul you do not know, not Hoch! Some of it may interest you.

Hope you have a good year ahead, personally and for your clinic.

Best,

The Edgewater

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LAKE MENDOTA AT WISCONSIN AVENUE

Dec. 27, 1977

Dear Harold,

Thanks for your recent letter.

I think you should be proud of the influence you have had over Howard. I'm sure he'll make a good appellate attorney.

Jerry Policoff and others have had negative things to say about the committee also. I guess I wrote them off some time ago. They have not been in touch with me and I have made no effort to seek them out. With the limits of my free time what I do not need is more waste of time helping incompetents.

I have heard a rumor that Lifton is still negociating with publishers for his book and that he is doing a fairly ## significant rewrite of it. That "book" has been a joke for so long I can hardly believe it.

Thanks for the kind# remarks about our article. Enclosed is a xerox of the letters to the editor section.

Well, back to the grind. I hope this finds you in godd health and spirits. You have done a remarkable job of finding ways of coping with your health problems.

Gary

P.S. I got a letter from your Calif. friends who I met on Hal Verb. I'll write them about China when I find time.

Letters

Sex Article Brings More Victims Out of Closet

The staff of our center was very pleased with Ingrid Sundstrom's article on "Sex and the Therapist" (October).

Ingrid spent considerable time with members of our staff while preparing the article and we now feel that this time was well spent. This is a tricky issue which must be discussed with great care if one is not to distort things by sensationalizing. All of us were pleased with the accurate quotes attributed to us, especially given how touchy this subject is among professionals.

Your decision to publish such an article was very commendable. The medium of the popular magazine is one of the most ideal for a discussion of issues related to protection of the consumer—in this case the consumer of a professional service. Other than reports on occasional professional debates on this topic, or *Vogue*'s report on a book on the topic, no popular magazine to my knowledge has published such a consumer-oriented piece.

Already the article has had some important positive effects. One woman called our center to discuss some continuing concerns about a sexual involvement with a therapist. Another came in for help in pursuing a complaint against a therapist who had sexually exploited her. It is our hope that still others will realize that such involvements are shunned by responsible professionals and that help is available for those who have suffered. It is also our hope that growing assertiveness on the part of consumers of professional psychotherapy will help more people pull out of therapeutic relationships which are becoming destructive earlier. Perhaps more people, realizing that such behavior is unethical, will file complaints so as to prevent others from facing the same exploitation.

Thanks again to Ingrid and *Mpls.* Magazine for bringing this timely issue to the fore.

Gary Schoener,
Licensed Psychologist
Executive Director,
Walk-In Counseling Center

We want to express our appreciation to you and your magazine for the excellent and long over-due article, "Sex and Therapist". We all thought it was terrific! We would like your permission to reproduce "How to Find a Shrink." The copies will be available to our patients in the waiting room.

Ronald Brazman, M.S.W.
Associate Director

Ann Wiens, M.S.W.
Associate Director
Minneapolis Psychotherapy Clinic

Reporting Praised

I am in receipt of your October 1977 issue, which includes an article about the undersigned. I wish to congratulate you on the thoroughness and unbiased way in which it was reported.

I especially want to compliment Ms. Matichek on the amount of time and effort she obviously put into the background research. Everyone I have talked to who has read the article was impressed with that thoroughness of research and the impartial way in which it was presented. I think that thoughtful articles of this type about people in public office are needed, and your magazine is the only one in this area providing that type of service.

Keep up the good work.

Gary W. Flakne
Hennepin County Attorney

Thinks Ad is Funny and Pathetic

Regarding the self-congratulatory house ad in your October issue (the one about people in Minnesota reading the *New Yorker* and dreaming. . .and vice versa), I have only one question: Who exactly are you trying to fool? Maybe the housewives of Edina will buy that kind of crap, but not many other people will I don't expect. While leafing through your mag at a newsstand I got a good laugh from the ad, but it also seemed to me a little pathetic. Has anyone at your office ever read the *New Yorker* (besides ogling the ads of course) or any other decent magazine?

John Fleming
Minneapolis

Had to Spoon the Potatoes

Several weeks ago my husband and I were visitors in your city for 5 days, and stayed at the Budgetel. It was there that we picked up a fall 1977 copy of your magazine and scanned it looking for a cafeteria to eat in. The only one listed was Becky's Cafeteria—and since it was close to where we were attending church on Sunday morning, we decided to eat there at noon. After the report in your magazine, to say it was a disappointment would be putting it mildly. We both had ham—*far* from a generous portion *and* poor quality—my husband's mashed potatoes were so soupy, he had to eat them with a spoon. Coming from a city where we enjoy 2 Bishop's cafterias, the comparison of quality of food, portions, *service* and price was unbelievably in Bishop's favor!!

Mrs. Alvin Wheeler
Waterloo, Iowa

Minnesota Wins, Cover Loses

Your magazine sounds interesting, but I am offended by your ad—evidently a sample cover page—that says, "What if you woke up tomorrow morning and Minnesota had won?" (August 1977) Perhaps I am mistaken, but the question seems to imply that Minnesota never wins anything. I submit that Minnesota wins everything *except* sports championships, which are relatively unimportant to the day-to-day life of most of us.

In the areas of daily and weekly life, the list of "wins" is long: theater, music, education, politics, recreational facilities, social services, low crime rate, natural beauty.

Mary Ann Mattoon
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