Dear Gary,

5/14/91

As ypu may not remember, since the 1973 energy crisis I've been using the clear side of paper for rough drafts. So, this being on the top of the stack, it also updates you a bit on us. Lil retyped the letter so I could send it to a couple of others.

Two things about your letter are encouraging: that Alexander is a happy child and your attitude. They lead to the belief he'll be fine.

It is not important enough to me for you to go to any real work, busy as you are, to dig out anything on McNabb/Rose, etc. I do remember what you do not, that he also made a rather inept play for those girls and gave them something in writing, perhaps his name and address.

I'd forgotten the Hal Verb and the Nagell part.

There isn't much new on the Stone obscenity. He is shooting footage and the Post's delayed story is to appear Sunday. I'll send you a copy.

That you've not read On the Trail of ths Assassins means you've not wasted that much time and money. It is as dishonest as anything he's done, more dishonest than his charging Shaw in some ways. There is no fact in it and he lies.

In going over my own records I learned why I've not heard from Salandria, even when I sent him copies of FBI reports reflecting files on him in Philadelphia and identifying them, so he could get them.

As one point I learned that he had led Garrison into perhaps the craziest thing he'd ever done, withdrawing from the Washington litigation he initiated, to get for the trial the autopsy material, the clothing, rifle, etc., after he'd own and the judge ordered the Archives to be there with it. So, in anger and dismay, I wrote VInce and told him off, that while he was going around accusing anybody and everybody if being some kind of an agent, nobody had a record justifying the suspicion that he had made for himself. I'd forgotten this.

I'd also forgotten that one Sunday he'd come down with several other people and his behavior was so bad, so insufferable, so arrogant, that after they left Lil said she wanted him not to come again. The only other person of whom she's ever said that is one who was never here, Lifton.

It is too bad that so bright and able a man has to be so paranoid and so over-bearing and omniscient with it.

From the time I heard of his son's problems, perhaps through you, I've wondered when I thought of it whether growing up under the influence of a father who was so convinced of his own omniscience and was so determined in expressing it could have had anything to do with it. For the sake of both, I hope not!

Oddity: yesterday we had a visitor who was an extra in Stone's Dallas filming. He is a buff from Conn., a designer of scientific optical equipment. If I remember correctly, he went to Dallas in the hope of getting to be an extra. He told me about those he visited while he was there. He said that Mary and Buck were getting along OK but I thin he may have meant only Mary. Last I heard from her Buck was in bad shape and in a hospital or another institution. She did not appear to be at all hopeful.

Our best to you all,

Harold