

Dear Matt,

11/13/91

Thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending the Daily Express ^{EXNER} ~~Mirror~~ article.

Not much to it. No specifics at all. There is no credibility to her claim to have been JFK's bagwoman. There is no reason to believe he needed one or had one. But if his campaign had had any such need he is the last person who would have had any knowledge and he'd have been kept in the dark. Moreover, it was not the mafia that delivered the Chicago vote. It was Boss Daley. (The GOPs made no complaint because they'd stolen the vote downstate in Illinois.)

We, I am happy to say, have a new copier and like it. Faster, quieter, better.

You ask what is new. Of what I know, only on Oliver Stone and at least two magazines that are doing stories related to him but on the conspiracy theories.

The Post's Charles Freund is doing one for McCall's and a man whose name I've forgotten is doing one for either Playboy or Penthouse. *(He is to deal with 19.)*

The NYTimes of 11/7 carried an interview with ^{Stone} ~~him~~ in which he admitted he is "scared." Warners engaged the door-opener/fixers at Hill & Knowlton whose Frank Mankiewicz is handling Oliver to try to persuade the major media that he is not a nutty irresponsible rewriting history. Although it had been reported that Stone was short on time - he worried about having a single print in time for the awards deadline of 12/13 and about having 800 prints in theaters for the 12/20 scheduled opening. ~~We~~ did fly to Washington ~~xxxx~~ where for 36 hours, as the Post put it, he took his meals with senior reporters and bureau chiefs of the top media. For him to do that indicates he is scared! I've heard of no story on it and that may not have been his purpose. But if you add flying time to those 36 hours he took much time he did not have to spare for his trying to influence the major media. I doubt he mentioned my name. No reporter has called me about it. The Post's reporter went up to him and said, "I heard you are a friend of George Lardner's." He shook ~~xxx~~ and was clearly upset, close to out of control. So, if nothing else, an enfeebled oldster has taught him a lesson he'll not soon forget. And, perhaps his unexpected education is not yet complete.

This is one of the built-in hazards in dealing with the conspiracy theories. There is so much that is knowⁿ/that their exponents don't know, won't and can't ^{take} ~~take~~ the time to learn, and in time, if they did not know it to begin with, they find out that they have nothing but trouble and worry.

I've been ~~given~~ given a copy of Mohn Pilger's piece in The New Statesman. I've written it and him. I knew him in New Orleans and Dallas. His piece was ⁴ ~~xxx~~ puffery ~~xxx~~ based on the house organ's (Garrison's book's) puffery of Stone and false criticism of those who criticized Stone....We are OK, hope you all are, and that we all have a happy holiday season ahead. Our best,

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Dear Harold and Lil,

I hope you both are well.

Herewith the Judith Exner article which appeared in
the Daily Express. Sorry for the delay: my copying
machine is - and continues to be - out of action.

What news, if any?

Best wishes to you both.

Sincerely,

Matt