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Dear Richard,

Although since 2 a.m. I've been involved with what I want to mail today to make immediate response to your letter of the 5th because you seem not to understand that trouble, including for you, may not be as far away as you think from what you have gotten away with.

And stop bullshitting me. That and flattery will get you nowhere. Except in trouble if this rotten mess gets more out of control.

Contrary to your self-serving misrepresentation of the letter to which you replied, a second one not yet having reached you, I have not "tried to lay everything on" you. I have tried to get you to face your part and to try to undo any harm you may have made possible.

In your list of what you say your work for Harry was limited to you are just not truthful.

You refer to you and Harry "getting some good inside information from some very respectable sources." What as an experienced policeman you should recognize is that respectability, if real, is utterly meaningless. Were Nixon and Agnew less than by normal standards "respectable?" Or John Mitchell and so many others?

For a source to be dependable, as you know very well, he must be that and he should be without any personal interests. I doubt you found any sources on H.L. Hunt of which this is true. Did you know that the sons fired Rothermel and Currington as crooks? There is more if you are interested.

You say that all Harry paid for is two trips to Dallas. Bull! Moreover, that is not what you told Rookstool when he asked you why you were involved with Harry, or for that matter what you told Lil and me when we were encouraging you to break your relationship off when we had no knowledge that Harry was working on another book.

You say, comparing it with Harry paying for your trips to Dallas, "I understand that the Hunt ^{oil} paid for some of your trips to Dallas." You then say, as you later repeat, "wasn't ... H.L. Hunt who had most to gain by Kennedy's death." You apparently believe, along with that loose cannon you worked for, that all the people in the world, or at least in Texas, to whom he could ascribe motive were the actual assassins or those who conspired in it. You surely know better than that!

When I was going to Dallas anyway with a British reporter I was helping, and when that coincided with Garrison's chief investigator asking me to get a copy of the manuscript of the fake book on the assassination by the French CIA, I phoned Rothermel. He told me that they'd have a ticket waiting for me at the airport counter, that they'd have a driver I should meet at the statue of the Texas Ranger at Love Field, and a hotel room. I saw no reason for Hunt not paying for what the ^{or Garrison} paper would have paid for and I accepted that ticket.

I didn't need or want a driver and car or a room and I did not accept them. In fact, when that reporter and his photographer, a friend of mine, left early, he loaned me his rental car for which he had already signed the bill to pay for it.

One trip that I did not need them to pay for but thought that would be only fair and in now way comparable to you and Harry. (*"Dependable" source you had?*)

You say I do not believe Hunt was involved in the assassination and you ask, "Is that an unbiased and impartial conclusion?" You bet it is! I have nothing in common with any of the Hunts and on all of which I know could not be in greater disagreement. But the real question is, is there ^{re} anything real to connect any of them with the crime? Not just that Egomaniacal Harry makes things up and considers himself Perry Mason, you along with him. Or Harry embellished on the trap he was fed by those with an ax to grind against the Hunts. Harry is really a subject-matter ~~ignor~~ ignoramus. He and most of the other exploiters and commercialized crib each others theories that have no ~~xxx~~ proof and enlarge on them.

As a consequence all of them, Harry most of all, haven't the vaguest ~~ig~~ notion of what has been established as fact. You were here with him often enough and you know very well that as you did he had unsupervised access to all I have. He had no interest. And of the things he asked you to get here, was there really any one that got to the nuts and bolts of the crime itself? Not one!

There is no real limit to those to whom someone can attribute motive but that is hardly proof of any kind and in this case it isn't.

I'll say nothing I haven't said about Mark Crouch except to suggest that it may be of interest to you to ask him what Harry said about you and your alleged intentions. Well, I'll give you a clue, your dear, dependable colleague Harry.

He told Mark that he kept you from going up there to kill Mark. And he said it twice in less than 24 hours. Needless to say, it upset Mark a bit!

Do you have even a child's notion of what a dependable man is for all your experience?

I do have a collection of Harry's letters, I do not have to "put up or shut up," which you underscore, and seeing that you and he are such chums and you trust him so, why don't you ask him to see the letters he wrote me, Mary Ferrell, Gary Shaw and Gary Mack-just for starters? And where you not with him when he asked Mary Ferrell to discard a letter he had written her from Dallas and she had not yet received? I think you would prefer that I add nothing to this to avoid making a record that might at some point be hurtful to you.

You missed the point of my telling you about Ed and my second marriage. It ^{is} the simple point that a hasty and incomplete investigation is potentially dangerous and can result in misleading and hurtful conclusions. I made a point of this in telling you that if one investigated me and stopped with my second marriage he could have concluded that I had defrauded the army all the time I was in it. And that is what you Sherlock Holmes

were doing in depending on your "respectable" sources. I think there will be more on this.

Harry told me he was investigating me and why and if you did not know I'm surprised.

An example of something similar is, your false reference in the plural, I "took those trips" you say Hunt "financed" that you also say I "kept secret." There was never any secret about it, the reporter, for example, and his photographer were well aware of it. But you ninnyes assume that anything you did not know is ~~secret~~ secret. For Harry this includes the established fact of the assassination. But what did I have to do ~~no~~ years ago not not have a couple of dolts like the ~~two~~ two of you allege it was some kind of secret? Take an add in the papers to report it?

And does this not give you a notion of how reliable a source Rothermel was? Or even if you could depend on his files? You can't, as I learned from some he gave the FBI with a completely ~~false~~ false explanation of them. Last time I heard from him was before I sent him copies of that crap.

So "Harry found out" about what was never secret or hidden in anyway. All of Garrison's people who were involved knew, and they would also have paid my fare on something they asked me to do for them. Harry "found out," demon investigator that he is? Or was he given it and did he and you swallow without question a load of bull?

I don't know how you get the notion that I "seem quite upset about that being divulged. I can understand this." How kind of you when I am not upset by that at all and there was nothing "divulged" except to babes in the woods armed only with their ignorance and lust for some kind of accomplish of which neither is capable.

Why do not know what Harry is working on if as you say anything relating to the researches is not relevant. You also do not understand Harry, who hasn't a damned thing to show for all the time he put in this except his own self-concept, which has no basis in fact, and to emerge as what he thinks he is and isn't he has to undermine all the others.

Somewhere you referred to my correspondence with Paul Rothermel, which you say he gave Harry. Your dependable ~~and~~ soulmate lied to me and told me Rothermel gave him nothing. There is no need for any ~~slater~~ sinister hints about that correspondence. It has nothing to do with the assassination and it did have to do with Rothermel asking my help in blocking dangerous nuts from getting any of the old man's money and making serious trouble with it. Like bombing. I remember nothing else. *Maybe with him some needs to which had been covered*

you ~~his~~ best get off what you were on when you wrote that you want to get off your chest, your words that the only thing wrong you ever did to me is let slip that I had Oliver Stone's JFK script. Come off it, Rick. The Washington Post published that in a sensational story that credited me as the source. I can't remember ever asking any reporter to keep my identification secret. And you then say, of what was public in so spectacular a way *ji* started the large controversy over that movie, "And for that slip I paid dearly and died a thousand deaths."

If you are that vulnerable you'd better stay away from anyone with a load of Italian food to *belch*.

Rick, I have no secrets. You had free and unsupervised access to all the many lies the FBI recorded about me, filed under my name, and to our copier. I am not concerned about anyone telling the ~~the~~ truth about me and there is nothing I can do ~~by~~ about the irresponsible and the liars, of which your chum is both. Among many other things.

Without doubt there are those who for their own reasons "have leaked or distorted facts to Harry to cause you grief." There is nothing to be leaked. There is nothing secret. Distortion, one of Harry's specialties, is another matter. Lies can be hurtful and cannot be undone. And you, plural, got nothing ~~from~~ about me for which you could have any use that is not false.

Although I find it hard to believe that you worked with Harry in complete ignorance of what he told me his bag thing is, I'll tell you what he told me and that, aside from other things that have the same effect, you are inextricable part.

He gave me the line of that fake French CIA book, Farewell America, as the McCoy. He even chided me for not believing it. That made up a vast array of wealthy Texas oil and law and finance in particular. So, in the murk or Harry's mind, this and his concept that H.L. Hunt had something to gain by it, he becomes a proven assassination conspirator. Because in the dense fog of his mind I somehow "helped" Hunt I am part of that part of his imagined conspiracy. Mary Ferrell is in both parts, too, because of the law firm for which she worked - yup, Harry has them conspiring, too and because she was the ringleader of the conspiracy he imagined was forced to keep him from breaking the case wide open. He had to have some explanation for his failure after proclaiming it in October, didn't he? After he told me he had me in both of his imagined conspiracies the way I say above he added me to the one to keep his solution impossible, which also made us all part of his nightmare, hardly even a theory, because in various ways we "helped" the conspirators.

So, you now tell me, he has the "Mechanics" of the assassination straight! If his life depended on it he could not and what he is going over now is a fake spook diversion that probably began with Rothermel and perhaps Currington, who would dearly love to hurt the Hunt brothers. *As warned Harry last year.*

And since you like Harry ^{type} as an analyst concluding that the old Man Hunt had so much to gain from the JFK assassination, do you think that with the billions he already had any more wealth was worth running any risk to get *it? Like an assassination?*

I've taken more time that I should but want you to be aware that although you may have reason to believe that this is all over it may not be, it surely will not be when Harry unloads on so many whose shoes he is not fit to shine and whatever you kid yourself into believing, you are inextricable part of it. Even as an assassin yourself! You may believe that thing will but you are foolish if you expect others to.

I told you before that although I did not believe you I had to accept your word that

you did not steal part of my Lifton file. Now you repeat again that you didn't when even Harry says that you did and sold it to Lifton when Harry wanted it and you said you were getting it for him. I want to be as explicit as possible on this so you will not be tempted to lie to me about it again.

You are the only one who ever wanted to look at my analysis of Best Evidence and my copy of the MDW records Lifton got. Nobody else ever had any interest in it. When you had them you then said that you'd like to take them to Baltimore where copying them would not cost anything. You said you would return them soon.

Then Harry asked for them. I thought that strange because you had just gotten them for him. I looked and both were missing. You then said you'd tell me where you put them. David was with you when you met us for lunch at the Hopkins cafeteria. You drew a chart on a napkin and David came up and went to that point. The only thing there was the other file you had borrowed, on the funeral parade.

And you had filed that so nobody would ever think of ^{looking for} getting it, down in the basement and as I recall now in DJ files when it was an office file and had no connection with the DJ. In this you made David a witness to both your dishonesty and your thievery.

You alone took the files. You alone returned them. You alone know where you deliberately misfiled them. And you alone told David where to go for them. Where they were not as you sure as hell knew they were not. Witness your deliberate misfiling them where they'd never be found in the mass of my files and the fact that you are the only person, ever, to have any interest in seeing them. Except, of course, Lifton, who learned of their existence through you. And if he was not then blackmailing you offered to pay you for them. And before you he put on your holiness act, Harry is the source on your stealing some of his interviews and giving them to Lifton. Harry learned when those he interviewed called him up to complain and told him that Lifton has been in touch with them and either shown or told them his source.

If you were half the man you pretend you are you'll get them back. I don't care if he keeps copies. My interest was the historical records. But I guess he can't abide that, either.

Only time will tell but I think you ^{are} make a big mistake to assume that because nothing has happened nothing will happen. If some of what is known that you did becomes public you may be looking for a job.

Poor Richard. He is not ~~even~~ a good liar. And he depends on the truth from a man who cannot recognize it, has already described his Richard as a would-be killer he had to control and even that is not all he has done to involve the police and himself with the police. Like,

if you have not heard, I have heard that he has even written silly letters he thinks are tough on Baltimore police letterheads. And where could he have gotten them? Poor Richard!

Harold

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HAROLD,

WHY I AM WRITING THIS I HAVE NO IDEA. YOUR LETTER OF 4-1-93 WAS CONDESCENDING, ARROGANT, AND TRIED TO LAY EVERYTHING ON ME.

FIRST, WHEN I WROTE TO YOU THAT HARRY WAS WORKING ON SOMETHING BIG, I WAS NOT REFERRING TO "THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY". I WAS SPEAKING OF THE MECHANICS OF THE ASSASSINATION AND THE PLOTTERS. WE WERE GETTING SOME GOOD INSIDE INFORMATION FROM SOME VERY RESPECTABLE SOURCES.

SECOND, I HAD VERY LITTLE TROUBLE UNTIL WE BEGAN LOOKING INTO THIS ASPECT OF THE CRIME. NOW ALL OF THE SUDDEN I AM LADDED WITH FALSE ALLEGATIONS MADE BY SOME INDIVIDUAL OF QUESTIONABLE CHARACTER AND MOTIVES.

I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT MY WORK ON THE UPCOMING BOOK IS LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

1) I taped an interview with J. Walton Moore prior to his death.

2) I researched all of the corporations that were located in the DAL-TEX Building.

3) I supervised the interview of AL MADDOX.

4) I accompanied Harry when he interviewed Paul Rothermel.

5) I set up an interview between Harry and Roscoe White's relatives. I also attended the interview.

6) I pulled reports from the Dallas archives.

Other than the above I have done very little if anything. I put two weeks of work into this book for him. Actually, Harry should be the one complaining because he really got ripped.

All I actually got was Harry to pay for two trips to Dallas. Is there anything wrong in that?

Surely, you of all people should not find that sinister. I understand the Hunt Oil paid for some of your trips to Dallas. Wasn't that run by H. L. Hunt, one of the men in Texas who had the most to gain by Kennedy's death? Yes, that's the same guy.

I'm sorry. I know you don't believe it was involved right? Is that an unbiased and impartial conclusion?

Look, I haven't said anything about your taking those trips and I don't expect you to berate me for taking similar trips.

Here we should be on common ground.

You and Mark Croucht have had more input to Harry than I have. I only worked for him as an assistant. Yes, I do have some influence over him and I intend to exercise it to correct the errors about the Community.

I quit working for Harry when I learned that he was "allegedly" misrepresenting this as a police investigation. I still have not seen the letters

that contain these references although I have been assumed that they exist. If you have them then please send me a copy as proof of those remarks. As they say Put up or shut up.

Relative to the first two books, I thoroughly enjoyed "High Treason". To be honest, I never read "High Treason II" so I couldn't even tell you what it was about.

This third book does deal with the Texas connection in the assassination. One chapter has been written about the researchers and I will meet with Harry to persuade him to print only verifiable facts and leave the animosity out.

I am not aware of the content of any letters that Harry has sent you and I can assure you that I nor any other police officer in Baltimore investigated you. I am at a loss as to what you are referring to but I will check with Harry.

I don't know what your marriage to Lil has to do with anything. Either your babbling or Harry has informed that I am not

Aware of.

You seem to act on the assumption that I am the only person who works for Harry. Wrong!!! He has about 20 people working full time for him. Some are obviously close to you and two that I know of are very close to Mary Kennell. I don't know any names because I don't work with them. I have been stabbed too often by researchers "helping me".

My "reliable source" is someone you told about the letters. I have guarded that source from Harry and hope that you will too. The source does not want to get involved in this and we should honor this. Don't you agree?

The only thing that I am aware of that Harry has about you is the letters to & from Paul Rothamel. I assume Paul gave them to him.

The only thing wrong is that you took trips financed by someone who even you must admit has a lot to gain by the murder. What makes it sinister is that you kept this secret until Harry found out.

You seem quite upset about this fact being divulged. I can understand this. It would cause you and Lil an immense amount of pain and suffering and for that reason I will not allow it.

I will also not allow it because I believe that your intentions were the same as mine.

I respect you and although you always talk down to me like you are the holy one in this case, I care about you and Lil.

To that end I will meet with Harry and correct what he has. However, I would like a little show of support. I had ended my professional contact with Harry on 3-27-93 and notified you and several others. I am re-entering this to correct any mis-information that he has.

As far as I am concerned anything about the researchers is irrelevant to the case.

I want it made clear that I am not undoing what I have done. I did not do this. You don't shoot the man holding the messengers horse because you don't like the message.

I want to get one thing off my chest.
THE ONLY THING THAT I DID WRONG TO YOU WAS
I LET IT SLIP TO HARRY THAT YOU HAD THE SCRIPT
TO "JFK." THAT IS ALL.

FOR THAT SLIP I ASKED DEARLY AND DIED A
THOUSAND DEATHS. BUT, I NEVER STOLE YOUR FILES
OR DID ANYTHING ELSE TO YOU.

WHEN I MADE MY MISTAKE I ADMITTED I WAS
WRONG AND TOOK MY PUNISHMENT LIKE A MAN BECAUSE
I DESERVED IT.

BUT, I DO NOT DESERVE MY CURRENT TREATMENT.
YOU PEOPLE SHOULD REALIZE THAT YOU ALL HAVE SOME
ENEMIES WHO HAVE LEAKED OR DISTORTED FACTS TO
HARRY TO CAUSE YOU GRIEF. I AM NOT THAT
PERSON AND CERTAINLY NOT YOUR ENEMY.

I WILL HELP EVERYONE BUT 1 PERSON. FOR THIS
I SHALL SURELY PERSIST IN HELL BUT I WILL GO
THERE GLADLY BECAUSE HARRY CANNOT PRINT ENOUGH
EVIL ABOUT THIS SNAKE OF A HUMAN BEING. THIS
PERSON IS DISHONEST, A LIAR, A CHEAT, A ~~THEFT~~ THIEF,
AND A REAL SACK OF SHIT. — THOSE ARE HIS GOOD
QUALITIES! HE SHALL REMAIN NAMELESS.

In closing, I would like to say that I DO NOT KNOW WHAT YOU ARE SPEAKING OF WHEN YOU SAY THAT HARRY IS TRYING TO BLACKMAIL YOU. HE HAS TOLD ME NOTHING OF THIS AND I DID NOT INVESTIGATE YOU!

Believe it or not!

YOU KNOW WHAT PLEASE I AM SICK OF HEARING?

"I PLANTED A STORY....."

I HAVE GOTTEN OUT WHAT I HAD TO SAY. I THANK YOU FOR LISTENING AND I HOPE THAT YOU HEAR WHAT I SAID.

CAN I CALL YOU REGARDING THIS? LET ME KNOW!

Respectfully,

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P. S.

YOU HAVE A LOT OF INFLUENCE OVER CERTAIN
PEOPLE, MUCH AS I DO OVER HARRY. LET US
BOTH PUT AN END TO THE PERSONAL ATTACKS - O K?

Rick