

11/4/71

Dear Ed,

Things have veeb rather rough in every way, including a rather severe emotional drain plus a physical one as a consequence of a serious breach of trust about which niobody can do naything. Thus, of the stack of mail, I answer tours immediately, having cleaned up all that which is disagreeable, knowing that if I misspeak myself you will understand, asayou will my brevity.

Both the letters are dated 11/2/ The Co,ombo clip is interesting for I am getting information that impels that I take an interest in some such matters. His case is not one, but it might yield some clues, other than your comments.

To call the pproblems with that guy Jerry net serious is insufficient. However, I have asked Jerry not to talk about this, for I think the guy is sick. Someday I'll meet a rich person who doesn't hurt me. I hope. I'm afraid that your sensible comments are irrelevant, but I can't go into it. I did what you said to begin with. I have to give you some meaningful answer, and his terms and indefinite suppression and a rewrite with his doctrine and prejudices and opinions and considerable ignorance. He also wants to buy me! And he offers less than the cost of getting egat I have. You'd never believe any af it.

Ed, I have no choice, I have to survive without pulp, for which I'm unsuited and which doesn't oay enough anyway (and I've made several efforts of the kind you mention, including to the guy you mention anyway). Once I survive, I had to do what I am because it is the mostmeaningful thing I can do and because if I do not I see no propsect of its getting done. That simple. I'm not a massochist.

I never believed and never had any reason to believe any of the N.O. figures had any direct involvement in Dealey Plaza, one of the disagreements between JG and me.

I have no doubt SM believes KT to be an innocent figure. She has to to tolerate what her hatred of JG drove her to. The one thing that can't be said of KT is that in any sense he is "i nocent". He is one of God's most wretched creatures. I can't say what I have on him is unequivocal, but it is startling and he did lie, whether or not (as I think) perjury (I've never read the charges against him and had nothing to do with them). I offered to tell SM what I had learned if she'd keep it in confidence but she wouldn't. Brilliant as she is, and she surely is, she prefers her prejudices to the consideration of fact, and that I can't and don't and won't try to cope with. There are many reasons for having an interest in him.

If it is not asking too much, please try to remember to add the sources to such things as the excerot from The Family and the date of issue. I'm told the current Esquire has something of interest on the FBI...It is bedtime and I've not yet looked at the clippings my wife selected from the a.m. paper, so that, perhaps these clips if there are few enough from the Wash Post, and then bed. Many thanks. Heard from Jerry and he sure seems like a lucky one!

Best,

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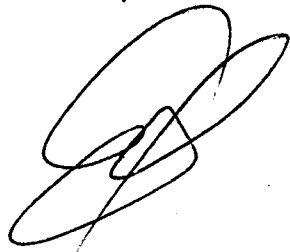
Dear Harold,

Enclosure from The  
Family, a study of The  
Manson Case by Ed  
Sandoz. From Esquire.

The obscure West  
angle has echoes of  
Foucault/Suikam.

Strange but interesting.

Best Wishes,



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Dear Harold,

As per my conversations with J.P., it would appear that serious problems have developed re. P.M. My advice is to accept any terms for the simplest of reasons - any % of anything is greater than 0% of 0! Besides, on a commercial level P.M. does not have fiscal potential or paperback sales viability.

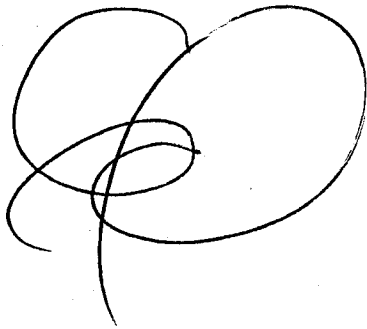
Perhaps, the best commercial avenue is to get a writer like the Sepia Author to co-write articles on, say, domestic espionage on the popular level. This approach would lead away from "One Subject Author" trap and might even gain "an advance".  
"Pat-Bailer" style.

The unboldlined portions  
of this article are quite  
provocative. Echoes of  
"Lone Assassins" - - - - .

Did any of the  
New Orleans figures have  
to your knowledge any  
direct involvement in  
N. F. K. Plat?

Sylvia believes Kerry  
Thornley to be an innocent  
figure.

Best Wishes,

A large, stylized handwritten signature, possibly reading "Sylvia", written in black ink.