

5/23/76

Dear Dave,

This will have to be a shorter answer to your 5/25 than I'd like. Aside from the accumulation that just keeps accumulating, I've splurged and am in the middle of trying to <sup>reorganize</sup> ~~reorganize~~ my office so that I can better coexist with my limitations (all, happily, physical, unhappy as they are.)

I've made several deals. One is for a second hand desk and two two-drawer legal size filed cabinets. They came this a.m. and all is confusion in my small office but the desk is in place. My purpose in all of this is to avoid having to get into the bottom drawers of all the file cabinets except where I'll have room for a stool, the two new ones. This means much shifting I'll have to do when and as I can.

I have one disagreement only with what you write: "Crazies would ultimately have to come to terms with the argument." Do not expect this. It won't happen. However, if you have the time it seems to be there is a useful purpose in what you propose. You might carry a standing head, "Crazies and Assassinations." There is a real problem today for the underinformed to distinguish fact from fancy and more importantly, the reverse.

However, I would not want to promise to put any time into this. It would come from work I must do. I want to finish this long draft and return to Agent Oswald. I did write Howard after hearing from you and for the fall term, if financing should by then be available, he is willing to be research assistant and more.

He called late last night. We spoke for quite some time. He is executive editor of the law review. That's my boy! (Boy?)

I had a phone call night before last from someone who had seen the originally-titled "Cover-Up." Gary and Penn helded Shaw and Harris. Figures. This caller described the 300 pictures as good one, some never before published.

You speak of the ripping off? Well, they haven't included me on their mailing list. But the book has been out long enough for this caller to have received and read it. This attitude, that theft is right and proper, has become the norm among the nuts and some of the so-called respectables, Anson, for example.

Jim is doing well incourt and on the district level we have two better judges. The prospects in those cases are, I think, good. One is for the remaininex executive session transcripts, the other for the King material. He argues orally before the appeals court in spectro Thursday.

Best to all and thanks,



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Dear Harold:

A note to comment on the new book by Shaw and Harris in Texas called Cover-Up. A nice professional job, but they ripped about everything off you they could with minimal credits on ~~xxx~~ just some points.. Reminds me of the old Laurel and Hardy movie where they ripped an old Model T Ford to pieces, part by part. Apparently Shaw feels anything that is in the public record some place can be taken without mentioning where they got it. I do note however your work is forcing these people to move closer to sanity and their statements are ~~ed~~ modified considerably in places from what they were a few months ago.

In the book Shaw makes an appeal for conversion to Jesus as the only way out of our mess today. My interpretation of recent American history, Vietnam and all that, is one of the major reasons we are goofed up is that we went with a world removed, religion like old Jesus's.

All these recent books that divert the mind of the public and nascent and future scholars and researchers makes me offer the following observation for your reflection. It is just speculation.

What would you think of the proposition that a book review of 4 or 8 pages be established to handle critical book reviews of these late books and others to come? It to be set gratis to fifty libraries and 10 or 20 columnists with any who wish it to buy, to do so. I would edit it here and the board of editors would be you and Howard and Jim; and you and Howard do the reviewing (with Jim when necessary) all to review the same book if you want. I would take the copy, edit it, send it back for approval, type it up on ribbon carbon and offset 250 copies or so with a cover and some title we would hit upon on.

If you think this has possibilities I would then approach the U of W. St Pt to cover all the ~~xx~~ costs, which should be minimal costs to them, they to do it for the publicity involved. We would make it international by sending copies to the Japanese, Polish, German, French, etc. national libraries.

As I see it this would give you and Howard an opportunity to establish a record for future researchers and a source for media people to consult when need be. Crazyies would ultimately have to come to terms with the argument?

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Since phoning you about the possibilities of having lecture series on this campus this fall and winter I have been going around the campus trying to feel out the various sources of money for this. Students started to depart from here around the 7th of May (!) and all have been gone now for a week, thus student funding will have to be looked into in the fall when they return. Other sources must now be inquired into. Already the television people have agreed to tape the speeches, if and when, this costs believe it or not about \$6-700 dollars an hour.

I will let you know more later when I get confirmation of various segments of the proposal from sources. Money is tight, but if we here work we might pull it off.

regards

Dave