

Dear Jon,

6/28/74

Per your 6/25, herewith WW II. Thanks.

I've skimmed and appreciate the enclosed clips. I'll read them when I've time. I'm under real pressure because I'm working on three books at once, each with a rush, one with a possibility of publication, plus the normal stuff, including the Ray case.

For your understanding, the question and liability with Sprague is not as much the alleged fact as the interpretation. There is also the question of fact. But he also take the real and makes it unreal. Too bad, because personally he is a very nice guy.

WHR can be William H Ruckelshaus, who was then <sup>civil</sup> ~~criminal~~-division head and their end of my suits are in that division.

I know of Agnew donation to U Md and have not had time to try for it myself. I have asked several who have been rebuffed. I've asked a college prof. to ask the legal basis for the right to withhold what becomes state property.

On the book of which well-intentioned but ~~all~~-advised Don spoke to you, I'm giving it what ~~at~~ Gray called the Full Court Press but have not yet arranged financing. Don spoke to others than you and if you have any influence on them please try to keep them silent. My analysis has been confirmed by moves the Watergaters have made in court that point this way and others have no way of understanding. The need here is more than to get what I have out and do with it what I can that others can't. It is urgently to do it in a way that frustrates the ploy that has to be a conspiracy of if they move first, not to give them an out from what would be irrefutable proof of a conspiracy and could today be both a deciding anti-Bixon factor plus terrible self-destruction in court by his honchos. I know this sounds cryptic.

It may also sound questionable when I say that almost all those from whom you can hear and to whom Don would talk are underinformed and have records of conspicuously bad judgement. This is quite separate from their intentions and their personalities. They are dedicated and they are decent, concerned people. These qualities are not enough to make them right and not in any way relevant to the harm done in the past and probable with this.

Marchetti has never said what Sprague says he said. These nut quote each other as unquestionable sources. I believe it was invented by a Boston underground. FYI only, Marchetti is my source on this. This is one of countless illustrations of the permeating incapacity, to tell it is it really is. Sprague is, unfortunately, in the majority.

Hasty best,

# ZODIAC NEWS SERVICE

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Dear Harold:

Enclosed are some odds-and-end clippings which we have collected here in recent months.

Unfortunately, although we have a pretty good file system, we somehow ~~mis~~placed our index card relating to "assassinations." This happened last December and, as a result, most of the clippings we collected on the various assassinations prior to then remains "lost" in our files.

We hope to go through soon and re-index this material.

In any case, I've enclosed a few stories on James Earl Ray and the R.F.K. case. One story that might be of use to you is the one sent to me last week by a "stringer" in Nashville. That story (which is enclosed) is about the most detailed and current in the King case.

I've also enclosed several stories done recently by Zodiac -- one on the recent King-case decision last Friday, and the other on the R.F.K. case which I wrote for tomorrow's (June 26's) news packet. As you can see from the R.F.K. story, Baxter Ward's attempt to re-open the case has been stalled, at least temporarily.

I'm also sending to you a copy of the story which Richard Sprague recently wrote for Computers and People. He was nice enough to send me an advance copy. From our phone conversation of the other day, I know you would challenge some of his basic facts -- about Clay Shaw, Harry Dean etc.

I'm also enclosing a check for \$5 to cover the cost of your supplying and sending me a copy of Whitewash II. If it's not enough, please let me know.

I just finished Frame-Up and thought it was excellent. I can't say you've made me a great friend of Percy Foreman's, Arthur Hanes' or William B. Huie's. (Incidentally, on page 414 of Frame-Up, you mention the initials on the letter from the Justice Department. Isn't "WHR" the honorable William Rehnquist? He's better known today than he was a few years ago.)

Also, did you know that Spiro Agnew gave the University of Maryland a copy of what the New York Times described as "~~misleading~~" "a report on an investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy?" That strange report -- not the Warren Report obviously -- is supposed to be made public in January of 1977 (I believe). What's in it? Can you get it? It's in the university archives under lock and key, reportedly.

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Best,  
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