

LATITUDES

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Saturday Morning

Dear Harold,

Pardon the red and the flipped over envelope. It's very early; am on my way to San Antonio and wanted to answer your gracious letter.

If only briefly.

You're certainly right about some of Lane's mistakes. I checked out many of his citations from RUSH TO JUDGEMENT. Some are flimsy. I don't know about his speeches, of course. As for stealing: well, I know he's done that--much from Penn. Without a bitch from Penn to me, I might add. Perhaps that's what Lane expected--no bitching. I think we're all in this together (to be trite as hell; and to be presumptuous), but I do agree that if anything is written it ought to be correct or at least logical conjecture. As for stealing: I surely don't go for that shit. At least someone can give credit. As much as I love fiction and originality, I still have a deep (and fearful) respect for accurate documentation.

I wrote a long piece called THE KING IS NAKED as a primer to the assassination section in Latitudes #3 and bingo I pick up PHOTO WW and find you've used the same metaphor. I'll credit you with your facts and ideas, but I must credit Hans Christian Anderson with this one! Actually, I decided to use the idea from a quote by Thomas Merton in his essay NOTES FROM AN INNOCENT BYSTANDER. A marvelous piece I know you would enjoy; the long quote from it will be the source for the title of our section in #3.

Thanks for your remarks about Sylvia. I think she's a superb critic. And no, I don't believe in acquiescence: not in New Orleans, not in Peace Demonstrations, not in Civil Rights. People don't want to know the truth. It's disturbing to them. But we've got to fight like hell on these three fronts. The biggest break can be made now in New Orleans.

All this is obvious to you.

I trust you know many are behind you. I hope you're right when you say "we'll win" to Penn. Right now he doesn't believe that.

Thanks for the magic tape notes. Damn you're knowledgeable in all the sticky subjects.

Thank you so much for your honesty and for setting me straight on a few notions. You do not mix words and this is why people get frightened when you speak up. But they listen. That includes me.

My best wishes to you and Mrs. Weisberg,

my wife says we'll miss something on TV at her parents if we don't leave now.
Ma. Tom bringing a book!

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THIS- we're all
busy now-

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