

Dear Walter, *Glunze*

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It is because of a combination of unusual circumstances that I can write you this letter about which nobody up there may care. In short, you have just reprinted a CIA book. With the current interest in CIA domestic activity, maybe somebody will want to know.

My interest was first attracted to your reprint by a mysterious phone call from a man with a heavy Russian accent. I then called you. I can time this by the fact that you were away for several days. Before you were due back I received the copy of KGB I'm very glad to have and I decided to read into it before giving you a spot analysis that had to be without benefit of having read the book. (May I remind you that in the past I have done this accurately, with the Gilles book that was being fed to Bantam from France?)

Now I can also with accuracy decide which are normal phone calls and which are not. I do ~~know~~ ^{have} that many from total strangers. The amount of interest my work has raised is simply fantastic. I must have received more than 2000 letters from total strangers. By this I mean the number of different people must exceed 2,000. I'll know soon because we are getting out a mail, having made a list. This list is selective. It is not everyone and it has had a very large number removed because in early 1971 when we did the last mailing, all returns also were removed.

Because I am also my own shipping department I have a pretty good idea who has a copy of Whitewash IV. Because I am my own promotions department, I have a pretty good idea who has been subjected to any information about the book. And because for my purposes James is not a good time, I cut back on the broadcasting I was going probably two weeks before I received this call. Moreover, there was in that period no story this man could have seen. This and other factors led me to believe that unless he was quite out of the ordinary among my callers, delaying reaction to whatever motivated him, he had another purpose.

In all the calls and letters I have received in the past six weeks, there was but one other call in any way comparable, from a man who wanted a book, and one letter, from a man whose purpose later became apparent (a former impressed Nazi agent with a story to tell and fears about the Warren Commission based on this past).

This Russian caller was unique in being entirely indifferent to the content of the book about CIA and in directing my attention to KGB, particularly because of this indifference to information about the CIA.

That I have taken time to read the book (about half-way through it now) is because for two weeks I have had no car and because my chain saw is not working and without a car I can't get it repaired. For me to keep the fuel-oil bill down now requires a walk of about 2,000 feet, half loaded to capacity as I bring back what dead trees and broken-off branches I can carry, after which I break off chipp them into fireplace lengths. All of this ~~is~~ ^{is} too much for the buraitis I have in both shoulders ^{and} periodically, when the ache is greater, I just rest them, not typing or using the arms. If anyone at Bantam cares about being used by CIA, ~~xxxxxx~~ he can be grateful to my buraitis.

KGB has as its major source CIA secret information. Barron is careless enough to make this both obvious and explicit, without ~~making~~ realizing he was making this explicit. He does not stop there. In many ways KGB is an apology for CIA and its own excesses. To simplify this, there is an enormous amount of content in the first half of this book that a) could have come only from CIA and b) is the kind of information they do not usually make available to anyone.

There is in my belief no reasonable doubt that the man just forced out of CIA, Anderson, has a heavy involvement in KGB. I can pinpoint him from some content. He was not forced out because publicity ended his usefulness. Publicity is irrelevant to his ability to head his division at headquarters and there is no probability of a man of his age being reduced from that relatively high post to spooking in the field. He had to go because of what it could be anticipated was coming and the consequent embarrassment. The cover story does not hold.

There is more than a mere possibility that Howard Hunt could have had something to do with the origin of this book. He was in an unknown ten-man (person) book unit CIA had. The internal cover story is that their purpose was to get books favorable to the CIA position on Vietnam printed. It also is tissue-thin as a cover. In time and in my own way I will be addressing one of what I believe their functions was. *where,*

Here I digress for something anyone at Bantam. I learned a fantasy, one that would make a novel, by the correct pursuit of the leads I found in standard biographical information about Hunt. So, I'd like copies of what is readily available about Barron in such things as Contemporary Authors and if you have it, Who's Who. I'm too far from the library and don't know when the missing part of my car will be obtained.

Barron's views, especially political views, are indistinguishable from those of Hunt and Angleton. As distinguished from fact, they are heavy in this book. While I would be the last to allege a writer ought not disclose his beliefs to the reader - and in fact believe the writer owes it to the reader - in this case they have a different context because they are separate from fact and because they are pro-CIA propaganda, whether or not to Barron they are genuine, as I believe them to be.

In any of the many forms official inquiry can take, all this could be relevant, particularly because of the little-known CIA involvement in publishing and I believe non-publishing.

The publishing history of KGB makes it a natural for reprint, so defenses are not unavailable. And I'm not suggesting that Bantam did this as a favor or service to the CIA.

However, it could be embarrassing, very bad public relations, especially with the young. And those with motive (which does not include me) could really make a parallel case out of what really surprised me, as you know, Temkin's unnecessary appearance and then as an unhidden partisan at the Ray evidentiary hearing. His attendance could not be compelled and wasn't. Simultaneously, all publishing information on the Frank book was denied the defense even when a court order had been issued directing that it be made available to the defense. And going along with this is the now known fact that the CIA had a domestic-intelligence file on Ray's chief counsel. I'm telling you they also have not less than one on me, Ray's investigator. And now, from what I heard of the radio during the night, TIME says they had a file on this lawyer's former boss when the lawyer was a Senate committee counsel. The combination can undoubtedly be added to.

By the way, this reminds me that anything you see in the Times, especially the Sunday Times, can be of help and I'd appreciate it. The only certain coverage I have of the Times is daily only. I can't afford it by mail, the only way it is really available here in the country, and the friend who is far away and does get it by mail does not get the Sunday edition. He also gets a different edition than you do.

Virtually nobody outside CIA can have any real notion of the ramifications of this thing. The Watergate involvement as yet unexposed are great and they do involve Ford personally and with what I've been suggesting that also can involve Bantam, if innocently. (I was in the conclusions of my second Watergate book when I had to lay it aside for my Ray work the end of September. I have not been able to get back to it except for about a day. I have no changes to make as a result of the trial. Says he, boastfully.) It is a sordid story, of the kinds of things with which a free society cannot coexist.

Ford is feeling around for a safe way out of this situation which, whether he knows it or not, is a very bad one for him personally. The control of the Congress will not, I believe, be anxious for a full exposure. That would expose the traditional failures of the Congress, not limited to the so-called "overnight" committees, which are little more than CIA fronts. There is leadership involvement in suppressions of all this. What is overt is far from all, particularly with men like Baker. He knew of all of this and was silent. He blundered into it in his maneuverings on the Watergate committee. I wrote this months ago and, stupidly, he has just added to it by admitting through his former counsel that he had seen such files and said and done nothing. One he saw was on Ray's chief counsel, the man Temkin went out of his way to oppose, Fensterwald. Inevitably, this will now figure in at least one court case, probably more. However, this is the kind of political issue on which legislators not in leadership positions have interests and can see political benefits. Inevitably, there will be much noise. The prompt firing of Angleton is a clue to the CIA's own readings on this.

This is not all. I've done it in haste on the chance your people may have some interest. If I thought it was their conscious intent to stooge for CIA I'd not be writing you this way. I have no personal axe to grind, except directly with CIA. Best regards,