

9/12/67

Dear Hal:

In response to your 9/9 note:

Verb called me, then came in to see me, but I was out at a meeting; took his call and chatted.

Please understand that I do not, will not discuss business affairs with (essential) strangers, which Verb (at this juncture) remains. His inquiries were related to Bill Turner's Ramparts works, and his sympathies undisguised. (He feels you are off base in being bugged by Turner's literary/research theft.)

About the galleys: What I actually told him was that I expected to receive a copy should the book be delayed intermidably.

Verb is writing a review for the Berkeley Barb, a henious rag in terms of reputation out here, but substantive in some content. He said he had discussed it with you on the phone. He now wants a copy of and the ok to excerpt a portion of Garrison's Forward for this same piece, must have the green light right away. Assuming Garrison would have no reservations, I see nothing wrong here.

I have asked him to co-ordinate whatever schedules he is arranging for you appearance-wise out here; nothing looks more unprofessional than so-called PR men stomping all over each other's feet.

I'm still reading the GBS collation. Right now I think there is no question about non-authority (plagiarism), but the key, once again, is more legal than lay; the lawyers will render this opinion, once I've put it in order. The writing is superb.

The books have not as yet arrived; Eddy-baby is more than likely adding to him personal library. Give it a check.

Am just today reading Garrison's Playboy bit; looks good at the start.

Get Starr to move on this thing of ours out here; my people will get cool, and there aren't many takers to start with.

Best to Lil.

Best Personal Regards,