

NEW ADDRESS: Rt. 7, Frederick, Md. 21701

1/10/68

Dear John,

Happy acknowledgement of yours of 1/10/ Got home late yesterday p.m. after what is today a hardship trip by train from Indianapolis-an hour by plane and 21 by dirty trains, with pre-dawn shifting midst a blizzard, with no porters, four packages, and icy bickered walks. Quite a trip. The TV shows went very well. Have books were for sale there!

We'll send the books to your brother-in-law at UCL. This will save time, the extra handling for you, and your slight costs. They probably won't go out until tomorrow. Lil's knees have been bothering her and she couldn't make the steps until today. If she can't make the package tonight, I will. The hinges are now working.

Keep us posted on your wife.

Planning on the basis of the Garrison trial is hazardous. I think the defense will by 2/15 have a whole new series of motions for delays. Also, I think this forum should be quite independent of it. There is no one who has done any work in this field except me. If this cannot be an advantage, not using it is a disadvantage I can easily survive. I think if that is to serve a good purpose, it should be as soon as possible. Your 3/15-April 1 date conflicts with a date I have to debate Liebler at a high school in the LA area-3/22.

Also, I'd like to go after things in a little different way now. I'd like to examine the performance. We are well past the facts, for nobody believes the official account of them any more. I think this will be well received at a university, especially among its faculty, and will help public understanding.

Hal phoned last night. He wants me to spend a week in Mexico when I am out there. If KSL still wants me, I think I should do it on the way out. I've heard nothing more from Bowen. Unless I have to stop in Chicago, where the possible shows take on Fridays. I'm due at KGO on Saturday. From SF, I'll go to LA, of course. - presume Steve will be lining things up there, and how I can have other help. I've had enough exposure there to be known to the media. I'm to speak at Berkeley under Associated Students' auspices, 2/5. This time we must leave enough for it. It just dawned on me that I was too tired when Hal phoned. I was asleep. I think he said the speech would be at noon. He is to look you up. I take it a speech at that time would not be ~~the~~ regarded as a major one and would be less happy than with an evening one on their regular series.

Someone is coming very soon. Gotta get Lil in town to replenish groceries.

Best (and thanks for Ramparts)

January 10th - '68

Dear Hal:

Obviously this is not the bulky piece I promised last week, but that will be forthcoming within the week; too bulky otherwise.

My widest concern has been my wife's condition, as you might expect. She underwent the operation last Friday, appears to be recovering without major complications. It still shakes one up badly; we're now awaiting the lab report to let us know that it is all over and out.

I need ten more copies of I, II, and Photo for dispatch to my brother-in-law at UCIA. I have suggested that time and tactics dictate the most opportune time to initiate a week-long "critique or forum" would be after Garrison's trial of Shaw, or after when it should have taken place - probably between March 15th and April 1st. The plan would be to have you preside over both the selection of critics and the proceedings in general. A faculty and/or student group will subsidize the entire affair, including transportation and accommodations. That's the format; do you like the gist?

My opinion is that to hold the affair prior to the trial would be too limiting in light of the residence of most of the critics in New Orleans during (and prior) to the trial - and - the inability of yourself to discuss the more conculsive aspects that won't be made public until after conclusions have been introduced into court. Furthermore, the main problem will be to stimulate followthrough actions by some recognized body (Congress), which the likes of UCIA could induce.

All this would not preclude your appearing down there during your February trip out here to KGO. I'll probe that angle too, if only to see that you meet with certain faculty "activists" through my brother-in-law's aegis. (His name is Kurt von Meier.)

Like everyone else I've had problems trying to schedule time with Counsel to finish the partnership papers and discuss other legal ramifications.

I'm making progress with generating finances for ALFIE, but it is slow and tedious due to the concerted attacks on Garrison's activities. Ridicule and slander take their toll on those who want to believe, but have no solid background on the facts.

More within a week. My best to Lil.

Best Personal Regards,

John