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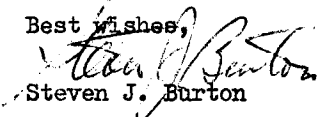
Dear Harold,

In phone conversation with Steve Jaffe today, several complaints were made regarding references to him in my memos to you re: Lamarre etc. Most specifically, Jaffe was upset (understandably) with the hearsay addendum. He related to me his versions of the cited incidents and I should note that they are entirely believable. I can see how my source could take Jaffe's version, add a poor recollection and/or a dislike of Jaffe, and come up with the stories as I heard them. It is entirely conceivable to me that my source is not reliable, as I noted in other terms in the addendum. Out of fairness to Steve and in the interest of reliability, I would ask you not to consider those hearsay statements as credible and to delete the addendum should you use my memos in the future.

I do not know what the truth in this matter is. As was noted, the information was gained informally by the source and, in turn, by me. I am not interested in protecting Jaffe from his mistakes, but likewise I am not interested in victimizing him.

As far as the books are concerned, I did not ask you to credit the loss to the defunct committee, which would in effect saddle you with it. I will return several books which will account for the bulk of the loss. Since these books are the sole remaining asset of the CCI, in effect, the loss goes there rather than to you or I personally.

Best wishes,

  
Steven J. Burton

3/29/69

Dear Steve,

Your letter dated March 11 has just arrived. I have no recollection of what you are talking about in the first paragraph, re: Jaffe. I suppose it is possible that I cued you to him. However, I have no recollection of having done so. Having been away for three days, I cannot now take the time to check.

The post office has supplied a copy of a receipt you signed. I enclose a copy.

We have located the LIFE story on de Vossjoli. I have asked that copies of the incomplete pictures and of the bad passport picture be made and sent to L.A. so that those of you who met Thilline and the others might see if he is the one.

It would have been better if you had done as I asked with the publisher.

I do you that if and when you get the pictures, the silence from LA will be relieved a little, and promptly.

Sincerely,