

2/13/68- Dear Steve, I seem to be missing the tape of my 3rd Hall interview. I phoned Marilyn and asked that they see if I left it there and, if it does not show up, to please dub a copy of the tub and rush it here. Mumu is not coming until 2/26. I'd like to have it for him to go over. Also, please get everything Howard has and copy as soon as possible, with a copy for me. Include all pictures, no matter how unrelated they may seem. Play may be costly. I've asked Penn to try and get the names of all hospital technicians and told him of my latest Pyne experience. You can tell him the name we are interested in. I didn't by phone. He'll get to LA early. I phoned Dick Billings this a.m. to report what Hall had said of him and LIFE. He says he is out to clobber no one, that there is not only not a series, but not a single story now projected, that LIFE has cooled on the entire subject. He also said he saw Patrick who claims to have proof of being in Miami 11/22/63. This leads me to believe what is more likely, that the LATimes may be the publication Hall had in mind... Enclosures are, I hope, self explanatory. I'm getting very warm letters from the LA area, esp. from KLAC audience... Please inform Fred of picture stuff but say nothing about what comes from Murr. I am trying to arrange a story on it. Someone is tentatively scheduled to come here on it this week. Murr also send me copies of two news stories, one on the faker Bishop James, Ferris's associate. I sent Jim most of what I had, from another of this "religious" order, including printed literature and letters. I have a Washington source. There are so many people who were so kind I should really be writing lots of polite letters. With the injury to my wife I'm even more snowed under, for I'll also have to be making up and mailing the packages and there was a great backlog of mail. Lifton told me he was the "advisor" to the school, and it is he who had the language added that the other party had nothing to do with the cancellation. This makes it less believable, because the initial offer to me was of my transportation costs. This was affirmed by the principal. It therefore makes no sense to say that it is the cost of transportation that caused it. There is little chance more than that would not be recouped and I did offer to speak for no fee. Two people have written me to disown Freed. Please send me the proof of Butler's involvement. I'd like a letter from me to reach the Pyne staff before they go after Penn. Please rush this... John claims the SF stuff if not feedback. Regards to all, and my thanks to whoever you see, especially the wonderful Newcombs. I'm afraid I made too great an interference in their normal routine. Best.