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Dear Mark,

A phone call yesterday reminded me that I've not heard from you in response to my letter of the 31st. I'm surprised and disappointed.

That phone call informed me that Richard Waybright wrote at least two letters similar to the one he wrote me or close to identical with it.

With my ambulatory difficulties I'm not back to find whether Richard said you were the source of much or most of Harry Livingstone's "information."

But whichever it is, Richard says that you were Harry's source in what I think you should have recognized from what you knew of him was at best a dubious project if not what it so clearly is, a genuinely evil one. Its character is not altered by the fact that he is sick. That, to a degree, was always apparent. The degree was not apparent to me until he launched himself on his new direction, of a conspiracy against him that exists in his sick mind only.

Hurt is not inevitable. Whether as in the past I've been able to control some of the damage I do not know. But I do know that unless I am fully and accurately informed any such effort will be at least more difficult, perhaps impossible.

If as I hope you will you want to limit the damage to yourself as well as to the others of us, please tell me the truth, in writing, not by phone.

Harry has told several people that his book is due to appear in October. By the norms of book publishing that means he is to turn his manuscript ⁱⁿ this month. From his descriptions of his book to me even a publisher gung him! for the money he anticipated in contracting the book is certain to have some serious questions about it. I do not know that the publisher will ask me about the contents, as publishers have in the past but I believe it is possible for a number of reasons. If I am asked I think it is essential that I be fully informed in advance.

One of those of us he claims conspired to prevent his breaking the case open, which he also says means we defended these he imagines conspired to kill JFK, has told me he intends to sue. In addition, if the book is published, it seems inevitable that we will be questioned by the media. While the fan is blowing now, it then will be blowing full force. I do hope you will want as little as possible to hit you. This, I hope you will see, does require that I be fully and truthfully informed.

What is involved, if Richard tells the truth, could not have originated with you. Not with regard to me in any event. And Harry has now written that I am the ringleader of his imagined conspiracy against him. For which Richard says you are his source.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg