

April 22, 1970

Dear Harold:

This will necessarily be a short note. Our plane leaves in about an hour (12:45 p.m.) today for Hawaii. We are going over there for about ten days' rest. Seems I have just been living on nerves since the first of February...

But, your letter just arrived and I didn't want to wait until I returned before answering it. I shall certainly send you all the clippings from the Dallas papers about the TSBD... I clipped them all and listened to all three TV channels the night of the sale (that is Channel 4, Channel 5 and Channel 8 - we have about 6 or 8 more but these were the main ones...

The high bidder was ~~xxxx~~ Aubrey Mayhew of Nashville, Tennessee. The only other bidder was Albert P. Dicker of Dallas. The high bid was \$650,000.00. Dicker's highest bid was \$600,000. Dicker has apparently only been in Dallas a couple of years. I have City Directories through 1967 and he isn't in any of mine but he is in the 1970 Telephone Directory. He lives at 9641 Inwood Road, Dallas. I have just looked through the old telephone directories, which come out in May whereas the City Directory comes out in January (I mean is prepared in January) Dicker first shows up in the 1968 Telephone Directory with three listings: Albert P. Dicker, 410 Meyer Road, 262-5824; Albert P. Dicker, 3601 Turtle Creek, 522-2099 (this is a lovely apartment complex near Lemmon and Turtle Creek, The Gold Crest); Albert P. Dicker ofc 2600 Fairmount, RI 1-6501. In the current, 1970 Phone book he only has the one listing. In the papers, it said Dicker had been a friend of Jack Kennedy for 30 years... Mayhew would not tell what he was going to do with the building. Said he had a partner but wouldn't name him. He said he is a "good conservative Republican." The TV said he was President of Citron Music Company but the papers had him a "high salaried executive" of Certron Plastic Company of California and Nashville. Why don't you ask Bud if he knows him.

You wondered if I had told Paul any more about Jimmy Lee. No, in the very first letter where I mentioned that he was "sick" you and Paul both wrote that you hoped he was getting better. Then I wrote a very detailed letter to you and Gary only. Paul had just continued to express concern in his little notes where he encloses documents, etc. Hence, I was a little more relaxed in the last letter which I sent to all three of you. Yes, I'm sure you wouldn't like him as well as you do, Harold, if he weren't all right.

Harold, if it is all right with you add Lil, I plan to try to visit with you two for a few days in August. I can come to Washington and perhaps Bud or Patty would get me to your place. Truthfully, I'd much rather be coming there today but I know Buck has been under a strain as much as I have and he thinks a few days in Hawaii will do us both good. I really have to think about him whenever he needs me.

I am enclosing the letter you were kind enough to send to Russ... Thank you. We haven't had a reply to our request for the Petition. But, surely it will be here by the time I return... and I shall certainly send it on to you.

Love to you and Lil,

*Mary*

4/25/70

Dear Mary,

I'm glad to get your letter of the 22 and to learn from Bob, who phoned to invite Paul to return via Dallas, that you had gone to Hawaii. Best medicine, I'm sure.

The carbon I sent was to background you on the Skolnick business. More is developing. I've some of it on stenotype reels. I have all sorts of machines, including a stenotype, rather, but that one is belt, not reel.

We'd love you to come here, August or whenever you can. We have the space, not luxurious, but I think you'll find it adequate. I'll pick you up and bring you here, then deliver you to airport or wherever you want to go.

To update you with what I hope to have accomplished by your return, I have drafted a complaint against Skolnick and will file it when I can arrange. I've written the clerk to see if I can by mail and through friends I'm trying to arrange a TV confrontation. If I get out there, I'll file in person and seek a lawyer to see if the stations that aired him before he filed the suit can be held accountable for damages. If nothing else, as I earlier indicated, this can diminish or eliminate the bad news when he is tossed out of court.

If he sends you any letters, I'd like copies, for you have no way of knowing what may or may not be significant on this. He is a slick liar and a skilled publicist and holds all with a total lack of scruple presented as devotion to the highest and most unselfish principle. To complete the picture of a totally distorted man, tragically mad is both perceptive and bright.

Sincerely,