

Dear Hal,

3/28/75

Thanks for your letter of the 25th and the check for WW IV.

I don't recall the situation on the other books. My wife has those records and this time of the year, our only time of regular income, she works day and night and can't search records. So, do whatever suits you and your situation, only in the end please see to it that she has some kind of record so our books will be clear.

The mail continues at an extraordinary level, as it has since about the end of September 1973. Now it also includes inquiries about the new book. As always while my wife works I'm the one-man operation, with all the packaging, etc., to do. It means I never catch up and haven't been able to do any writing for about six months.

There are grounds for the apprehensions you express. Certainly history indicates the probabilities from the kind of situation in which we are. However, what is worse is being dominated by fear of it and not doing what can be done to resist; or just giving up; or surrendering to depression.

Ford other than he is would not have been Nixon's choice. It is not merely that the old gang is still running things.

I know nothing about McCord. I've never met him. He is of so extreme a belief and it is obviously so sincere I can believe him capable of almost anything if he could see it as patriotism. But I don't think he was in Dallas and I am not at all sure that the undependable Tackwood said that bit prior to the Watergate. I saw a summary of the highlights of those tapes before Watergate and that was not in it.

Agreed on your wife. No need with any risk.

All I can add is that with every moment I can find I do keep trying.

Hope your luck improves.

And that your spirits hold up.

Best,

March 25, 1975

Dear Harold,

Enclosed is a check for \$6.50 (is that the correct amt.?) for the copy of Whitewash IV. That was the only book I wanted to order at this time, as my finances are rock-bottom now.

It was a shock to me to see that check for \$1.50 go to the bank, & then not once but twice. They've billed me \$5, which I can hardly afford.

I've got Oswald in N.O., Frame-Up, & Whitewash II. My other books of yours are not here, so I assume they are on "permanent loan" to whomever might have them. I'll return Frame-Up & IV. If it is OK with you, I'll keep the other two & send the cash as soon as I have it. Otherwise, I'll return them for now & re-order later.

What do you make of the "close-down," now that Nixon is out? Not a damn thing has changed, if the system continues to operate with people of Nixon's character. Fascism will come now from those who tossed out Dirty Dick. Don't get me wrong: they did a good thing in kicking him out. It's just that they stopped too soon. We ought to understand why Nixon (Ford, et al) made it in this system.

I have a theory as to why Nixon released that transcript to you. He is threatening

his opposition with full disclosure of the truth about Dallas. He's saying, if you get me, I'll tell all. Obviously, Nixon was in on Dallas, at least on the far edges (but probably somewhere closer to the center). He knows the Eastern Establishment doesn't want the truth out, because it would bring into question all its advantages, privileges, etc. Nixon is therefore using such things as the transcript to "subtly" warn that group that he'll "turn himself" if need be to get them. Well, that didn't work, so Nixon may be in more danger than ever of being killed now. Who knows whether or not somebody was trying to kill him when he had the leg trouble?

What did you make of McCord? I would like to hear your full views on him. What do you think of the Tashwood charges? Esp. the revelation of "Edward Martin" as <sup>one of</sup> his CIA contacts? You know Tashwood said that before Watergate & McCord used that name when arrested at Watergate.

The prospects for fascism look awfully great from here. No jobs. People who have jobs scared. A general "situational fascism" spreading amongst workers, etc., etc. Where is the hope? For a long time I

saw that hope in disclosure of war  
tricks, assassination info, etc., but I'm  
close to losing all hope now. In fact, I've  
never felt this hopeless about the  
general U.S. scene as I do now. While  
I don't want to have false hopes, I also  
don't want to be unbearably pessimistic.  
The realities of the U.S. are, no matter how  
you cut it, pretty grim.

Well, enough for now. I decided not  
to talk to my wife about the things we  
discussed. It would just put her in  
jeopardy of her job, and she needs that  
job. She's going back to Spain, and I'm  
not exactly pleased about that. The CIA  
is getting ready (I imagine) to invade  
Portugal from Spain, so Madrid won't  
be the safest place for her or my son.

Please destroy that 31.50 check &  
let me have your views on what I've  
raised in the above.

Best -

Neil