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Dear Mr. Garry,

While I understand you are a busy man, possibly the more so because of your recent surgery, I would appreciate a response to my letter of 12/23/69 because I also am busy. I work not less than 17 hours every day and have not enough time for what I have undertaken.

With the open involvement of the FBI in investigations of your clients, investigations I presume they pursue with serious purposes, the fact I have that can be of use to you (and society in general thereby) is greatly increased. I have thousands of pages of FBI reports, most never published or seen. Among other things, they clearly address the dependability of the word of FBI agents, of the honesty of their reporting, of their avoidance in their investigations and reporting of what is uncongenial to the preconceptions with which their investigations began, even what is diametrically opposite what the witnesses told them, with other FBI reports to prove this. While they did this as a matter of course with those to whom "left", they also did it with such notables of the right as the son of H.L. Hunt.

On what I think might relate to a Hilliard defense, I have numerous cases of seemingly serious threats against the President so completely suppressed, when they came from the more extreme of the extreme right, that they withheld their knowledge from even the Presidential Commission appointed to investigate just this. They did the same with the King assassination, plots for which they had forced upon them during the life of the Warren Commission.

At the moment I am completing work on the revision of the book dealing with this. As soon as I do I must return to other writing, which will occupy my mind for some time. There are elements in it that will, I think, interest you because of the manner in which they will deal with the Secret Service and the FBI, the dependability of their words and investigations, their withholding of what they didn't want known even to officials and what they knew to be inconsistent with what was wanted. I have the most basic evidence of all of President Kennedy's murder and the written, official proof it was denied the Warren Commission.

In order to be alert to what might interest you, to make records of it while I do other things, and not to waste any of the time of which I have so little, I write again to see if you are interested. I'd appreciate it if you would let me know, either way.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

12/23/69

Mr. Charles R. Garry
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Dear Mr. Garry,

Hal Verb spoke to you at my request. I believe I have materials that can help you in several ways in the Hilliard case, some of which he probably indicated to you.

My work long ago convinced me the Black Panthers were being persecuted, that the campaign is of official inspiration and protection, and that their leaders would be picked off one by one. A reading of this rather long book will show you how I worked this in, rather elliptically, considering when that part was written.

There were many threats against the President by overt fascists, known to the Secret Service and other federal agencies, including the "liberals" of the Warren Commission, about which not only was nothing done but more, there was official protection. The extent in some of the more flagrant cases is in this book. I have all the documents referred to. I plan to include most if not all in an appendix on which I am now working.

Hal told me you would like to read this book, I presume when you return from Chicago. There is a single copy in California, in the possession of a friend who will xerox it for you for about four cents a page, his cost. I have no spare copy here and will not part with the master, for it is my hope to be able to find support for printing it. If this eventuates, the master will be required for the offset camera. Should you desire this, please write Paul Hoch, 2537 Regent St., #202, Berkeley, or phone him, 845-4669 (before or after work). I regret not being able to supply you a free copy.

When I have completed the appendix, I will be supplying that to Paul also.

I ask that you make and permit to be made no public use of any of the contents outside of court, for that would take the edge off and diminish my chances of getting it printed (commercial publishers are afraid), as it would interfere with my continuing investigations.

There are cases of official hiding of other threats, if they interest you, should you desire to show that Hilliard is the object of special attention. In every case they are of the right end, I believe, of the extreme right. This documentation will be available to you.

If there is any other way in which I can help, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

December 20, 1969

Dear Hal:

Funny coincidence concerning your letter of December 14, 1969 and your reference to Charles Garry. Your letter asked me to contact him, and the same day that I received your letter, December 19th, I had intended to hear him speak in Berkeley, so your letter came just in time.

I did get to see and speak to Mr. Garry, and told him who I was and that I had been in touch with you, explaining who you were. He stated that he was familiar with you as the Author of "Whitewash". I explained a little bit about myself and of my interest in your work, holding the letter you had just sent me in my hand. I then proceeded to tell Mr. Garry about the evidence that you had developed concerning the threats against the President and said that you would be happy to provide such for his use. I told him about the recent work you had been doing on the James Earl Ray and Martin Luther King case and that I had just finished proof reading and returning the copy to you. Since he was, I told Mr. Garry, Hilliard's Attorney, I told him he would undoubtedly be interested in the material you had on the threats against the President. He expressed interest in this to me. When I told him that you would be willing to make a copy of the King ms, he was very very enthusiastic and wanted to know when I could get it to him. In fact, he said he was leaving for Chicago on Saturday morning, (December 20, 1969). I assume he was going for the Bobby Seale defense. I then told him that I doubted that I could get a copy to him, but would get one to him eventually. He gave me his card with his office number and attached to this letter is a Xerox copy of that card for your records in case you need to refer to it.

By the way, his name is Charles R. GARRY (note the spelling), if you must write, send it to:

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ATTN: Mr. Charles R. Garry, Attorney at Law

One reason that I could not get a copy of the ms to Mr. Garry on Saturday morning was because I myself had plans made to leave for Newark, a decision I had made on the spot. In fact, I had made the decision on Friday, December 19, 1969. I knew, of course, that I would be calling you and hopefully seeing you, but on the chance that I might not see you right away, I am sending you this letter.

Before I left, I visited Paul and told him of Mr. Garry's interest in getting a copy of the ms. Paul said that he would make a copy available and I told Paul that I would personally deliver the ms to Mr. Garry at his office. Since Mr. Garry is in Chicago and probably will be there for some time, it doesn't seem to be urgent to get it to his office right now. Unless, of course, you think otherwise, perhaps you could mail him a copy of the ms or ask Paul to deliver the ms personally. Of course, you and I both know how the Post Office always manages to "lose" your ms, so I would advise against mailing Mr. Garry a copy.

I wanted this to be a brief letter since I will be talking with you. There will be much that I have to say and hopefully we can arrange a meeting when I get back.

Best regards,

Hal

P.S. I am enclosing a copy of a Chronicle story on the Black Panthers which I consider of tremendous significance even tho written by a Conservative. For the first time that I can recall, this journalist, who I think reflects establishment opinions, is telling things like it "really" is.

This article can become a handy tool whenever you discuss the subject of political assassinations with blacks or whites. As I see it, they cannot refuse, unless at their peril, to receive the message contained in it.