

6/28/77

Dear Roger,

This fancy stationery is at once a boast and an economy.

We had so great an amount of copying to do in FOIA cases that I just had to get a Toshiba that works on bond paper. My wife has become quite efficient in its use but in haste occasionally wastes. It was accumulating so I decided to use it for rough work rather than burn it. Summertime yet. This sheet is the test sheet of the serviceman..

Aside from initial cost there are some problems. This is not a machine for an occasional copy. Aside from that not counting time the saving is enormous over commercial rates, particularly here in town. Rather near this town.

Oddly nobody "tracked me down" in Dallas. My wife's filtering was perfect. She not only is friends with some, like Waldron, who comes here when he can - and we consult often - she knew which ones to say I was travelling and sorry she could not help. As it is it turned out to be rather much, probably for other reasons. I was up late. Despite the air conditioning it was 100 degrees. I was the guest of Jim Tague. Good people. Bad airconditioner one night though. A storm blew some trash into it and it offed.

I would have called you before leaving for NYC but didn't have your number, if I ever did, and have only a box that has no phone. It happens that I was too keyed up about the previous days to go to sleep easily and I'd have welcomed company. Once the show was over they rushed me to the airport for a reason so human I'll save it for you to remind me when we are together again and I can tell the whole story. A Hartman story.

You are wrong in believing that the escape gives Ray some kind of trial. However, given his perspective and state of mind and kind of mind it was not crazy. I've not seen Waldron's story but I told everyone that Ray had gone the way of the system of justice, that it had not worked and that it was more of a crook than he. If it caught me by surprise I really was not surprised. Would you spend the rest of your life that way? He is also crazy. He has risked being killed in escaping from petty crime-and not escaping from them.

I have no use for Russell. I've seen none of his recent stuff. I know he is in Calif or was working on some story, I think on del. I was already awake then.

Thanks for the CBS-CIA stories. Say less than I'd expected, esp. on Koop.

I did not try anyone at the hospital simply because there was no time. What I could do for the purposes of the trip I did short of that. I declined the ABC bit twice and was finally persuaded by Jim. I wanted to get done what I could. But I came back with enough once I have a few minutes to put it together.

And I can't put in the hours I did. I hope the reason is not medical.

Thanks and best,

6/23/77

Dear Harold,

Got your letter of 6/18. Figured they were making life hell for you in Dallas when I saw that Marky Waldron tracked you down. Sorry I missed your ABC intro, but why didn't you bug me as long as you were in the neighborhood?

Dont think Ray's attempt was insane. Now he gets some sort of trial, at least, so there may have been a therapeutic purpose. He had to know a stunt like that was hopeless.

Suggest you stay away from Russell. Saw his latest work in New Times. He seems willing to accept uncritically whatever anyone tells him so long as he can sell it. Specifically the McKeown story, but he's done it before in the Village Voice.

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I'm sending you photostats of the CBS
articles you requested. Sorry they didn't
come out better, but I hope they'll fit your needs.

Sorry you couldn't speak personally with
Perry & Carrio, but good to know where
they are anyway. Do I take it that you
located Clark? You didn't mention anything
about him in your letter.

Gotta run but I'll be in touch again
soon.

Best regards,
Roger