

Dear Jim,

5/22/75

I've just read your 5/6/75 resignation from the CTIA to Bud and his 5/12 that I can hardly call a response. When today he publicly announced affiliation with the Lane gang his pretenses and his conduct become even more unconscionable unless he was specific with you about this in advance.

After all these years I remain amazed at the smile on his hanging out bare face as he lies. He lies in a way that can make him actually believe it, not just make a false record.

Fortunately, I have the tape and the press release and they leave no possibility that his lying is not deliberate. In fact, I opened what I asked by citing the press release.

Nor was the spectro all.

Note that neither you in your letter nor I at that aborted press conference used the word he puts in quotes, "steal." And even the fact that the copies were sent by mail by the Archives is irrelevant to the modest representation you made. I in fact twice addressed merely the question of government voluntariness. When twice Cyril pulled the Billy Graham the third time I told enough of the story, again in this same perspective only. The tape will show it.

He is beyond hope. I regret that we have to have any connection, no matter how indirect it remains on the Ray case. Because he is so sick he is more dangerous. And his crazy self-concept and the ambition he is not capable of meeting may drive him to anything.

I wrote him as soon as I was free after getting home really over the conclusion, the possibility he will give any of my work to anyone, a subject on which he has never really responded. I felt it might not hurt to lay a little bit more on.

I'll be filing this with what I have on that press conference.

You apparently didn't notice it by the assistant to the president of the lecture bureau that Lane forced to cancel their arrangement with me is the same person who is with and is booking him now, Cathy Ansell. Check the papers you got. You had this for NYU and returned it in the batch I got yesterday.

Isuppose Butz was there today because the Fifth Estate is bankrupt but has a certain ability and Lane can now provide money but is bankrupt when it comes to developing information. The ones that disappoint of Raskin and Barnet, who have not responded to my strong letter when this was first reported. I can only wonder if the IPS is about to go under, too. Or if they feel they can be in on a kill. Well, considering what good they've done, I have no regrets. Just disappointment. I'd thought better of both.

I'm too tired for it now but tomorrow I'll be writing a letter that will give you a little more on Freed. I've never mentioned that TV guy, the one to whom I'll be responding. I'll probably read Mark's propaganda now...It is also sick! Lane's ambition to own the subject is apparent as is his incredible concept of the non-work he has done. Whether he or Belin is the sicker I leave to others but you can be sure that he delayed responding until the RC's hearings were closed. (May 21 after April 30.) They'll be crazy not to add to the report that Lane tried to commercialize their Commission, too. Lane gave them the case. Their rules are in no way unusual and Lane would not accept them. Frankly, I hope they let him have it. What he has done is indecent. Even for him. (Take a good look at his self-description "the only critic of the Warren Commission report who conducted an investigation into the murder of John F. Kennedy and testified before the Warren Commission." Maybe this is also what he wanted of Belin?...He paid close attention of my NYU speech. It changed his line and his formulation. Floyd noted this before I looked at the handouts and told me. He's right. They have switched it entirely to what I said was the only way. Best,