

Dear Mary,

later 4/1/93

I decided to add to what I wrote Richard. There is little doubt in my mind but that he was involved, with Dallas police, past, present or both in that rotten piece of business that I try to shame him about and to give him to understand that the fan is not yet blowing full force and that it can yet throw some awful dirty stuff at him. It is up to him. He should get the idea that if the book appears with all that terrible stuff in it I will be capable of doing what I have ~~not~~ done in the Baltimore police internal investigation. Peggy told me last night that they told her those things take a long time. One of the reasons, I think, is to let them be forgotten. I have no reason to believe that the Balt. police want to add another scandal to those that now rack it. My hunch is that hard as it is to get cops who are good at Richard's official business the most that will happen is a reprimand and a warning. His letter to me is self-serving, may have been ~~written~~ written at police suggestion, and ~~admits~~ ^{admits} no real responsibility. I hope he will come to see that telling C & G the truth is to his selfish interest. I believe it ~~Surely~~ ^{surely} is!

My mother's middle of three brothers married a gentile woman who it happens was a tramp. That fortified the prejudice of my mother's older brother. I consulted the family doctor, a wonderful man, who had a happy marriage with a gentile woman but knew all the family well. He advised me that my uncle would make life as miserable for my mother and his as I thought if he learned that I married a gentile. So, we were married by the preacher who had performed the marriage for Lil's mother. But as time passed I decided that it was very unfair to Lil. Through a friend I got a rabbi willing to perform mixed marriages. We had an additional ceremony with my mother and the rabbi's wife the only others there. It made almost all my family very happy and they all took to Lil, giving me the real impression that if she and I had any disagreements they knew I'd be wrong. That one uncle was the only exception. ... Once I was pretty tough and no contention or controversy got to me. In recent years I do react, sometimes rather rapidly and unsettlingly. But in addition to this monstrous abuse of you and Buck they have taken many, many days of my time, gotten all the help I could give then, and then this? There is a limit to what can be excused because a man is crazy. That is why I decided to add to what I wrote Richard, in the hope that it might lead him to be forthright and honest. I also hope that my letter to my friend can lead those people at C & G who know he is crazy to know that their best interest is served by not publishing. They now do know before they get the ms. some of what it can cause them, cost them. They are already paying the cost of one suit in which I think that Groden has no case but not for any reason Harry indicates. He did not own what he says Harry stole from him, He stole it, too, as he admitted to several. And Gary was firm in his determination to sue. He can sue down there, which means more cost for C & G than if in NY. And boy! WILL I HELP HIM! I've only indicated some of how I can.... Why is it that so many, including at least one of whom you do not think it, are such awful ~~suck~~ S.O.Bs. But I do think out situation is better. Thanks!