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Dear Mary,

We hope that the delayed surgery to which you referred 3/31 has been done successfully or, if it hasn't been, that you are able to make the arrangements you require and that you are soon home fixed and fine.

Harry has trouble telling the truth even by accident. I am certain that he lies and knows he lies laying all that on ~~Mary~~ Crouch. I've never met Crouch but long before Harry's letter to you he told me that Harry had imposed upon him and then infuriated him so last May that he had decided to ~~get~~ ^{get} out of it. He told me also that Harry's lies to him were so outrageous as were ^{recent} his hidden threats, like saying it was all he could do to keep Rick from killing him, ^{they} got him angry and willing to help. He had sold his interest in the radio station and had an advance on a book he wanted to write. He taped a call from Harry on such a threat recently and I have the relevant portion. It simply is not possible, as I told Rick, that Crouch knew about me what Harry said he had and had either badly twisted or false. Most of it seems to have been made up by Harry himself.

You know it is a lie to say that he was prevented from speaking at AAK because of stories made up about him and that it is not possible that I made any of them up. I had no interest in ASK and had no knowledge of what went on there until I got the story the City Paper reporter Harry himself told me he took there in hopes of a puff piece was sent to me by a former Baltimore reporter.

"We know what these people are afraid of: Harold was reporting regularly to the Hunt Oil Company who paid his trips to Dallas (sic) in the Sixties." Bull!

After being told that he was ~~saying~~ that we, including me, were being paid after H.L.Hunt's death in accord with his wishes I ~~decided~~ decided to go over my Rothermel file. It represents exactly what I told Harry before he send me that nasty letter. The only "pay" my file reflects is the return of \$17.90 for xeroxes, probably at the Archives, for what Rothermel asked me to ~~give~~ for him there, on the Hunts and other things. I did not "report" on anything, whatever he may have meant by that. I went there first at Ivon's request on Farewell America. They feared it was intended to get Garrison, who was so strong for it, in trouble with the Shaw case before the Supreme Court. Ivon gave me a ms. xerox ~~to~~ give to Rothermel. Ivon would have ~~paid~~ my fare but when Paul said there would be a ticket waiting for me I used that and saved Ivon's ⁴ finds. Paul said I'd be met at the statue of the Texas ranger at Love field and there would be a hotel room for me and I turned those and all else down. One ticket for Garrison and that is ^Hunt paying for my trips to Dallas?

Paul used me from time to time to learn if I knew anything about some people he suspected would be capable of violence who were after the old man for money. And there is not much else in the file except letters about the stuff that was public or suspected, the suspicions public.

He told you these lies long after I told him the truth, so I would not depend ~~too~~ much on his assurances to you.

I do not know if ~~Paul~~ Paul "wrote a memo to Hunt saying that Sue Fitch thought that Harold was an asshole and I sent this to Harold for his comment. He has caused a vast amount of trouble since."

My friendly correspondence with Paul lasted long after that, until I got from the FBI some lies he had tried to butter/himself with and sent him copies. I've not heard from him since.

Sue Fitch had seen me one time, as you know, and she treated me quite the opposite of this garbage. That Harry failed to tell you I told him about. Where she got her misinformation and twisted information I do not know. I've never "associated with Russian nationals." That does strongly resemble, however, some lies in the FBI's files. I was fired in a pogrom and I was reired with a public apology.

Paul's own description of our relationship gives the lie to Harry, who cares naught for truth and regards whatever he dreams up as truth merely because it is what he thinks should be.

Instead of going through my by now rather large Livingstone file I enclose a copy of the copy I had in the Rothermel file.

So far as causing trouble is concerned, I've been in touch only beginning after his campaign on me began with his other victims and his publisher's lawyer, warning him, in the event he was asked, that Harry was making damaging information up. The only "trouble" I can even suspect is Harry's telling Crouch that as a result he ~~was~~ was warned, as I think I told you, by Graf, that because there is a contract does not mean that the book has to be printed and that he had better be accurate.

I see his does have me the leader now, "Harold and his gangsters." Ugh! You Gangster!

It is true that for the publisher of his High ~~T~~ washes he has been "money in the bank." Can you think of any other reason anyone would continue in any relationship with him after learning what he is? *As they did!*

It is quite a lie for him to say that he "had no intention on this earth of writing about them (of whom you are one, of course) until Harold and others began slandering me...." I had no interest in him and had told him for at least the third time that I wanted nothing more to do with him long before he called me and spelled out to me exactly what he said he was writing. That is when he told me the two conspiracies he dreamed up. That was some time before he February letters to us and to the best of my recollection I did nothing except write him until I got that letter. That is so insane I knew I had to try to protect myself. He told me last year that he has both on us in each of his two imagined conspiracies and that is what caused my concern.

I'm beginning to suspect from the way he begins his 4/3 to you that his big conspiracy is coming apart in his own sick mind. He says "that every effort is being made to disrupt

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and ruin all that we were doing." I don't know of anything anybody did except start to fight back a little. In this regard I ^{know} see that it has been some time since he said he was about to break the case open. In three weeks as of last October.

King on Olympus that he is in his own sick mind Harry has everyone "betraying" him, here referring to Mark for a period Mark was having nothing to do with him. And he is always "testing" someone or someone falls into his "trap." It is all sick and false.

The monster denies saying he was out to get you when he wrote it to you! How brazen a liar he is! I think this may reflect his sickness, meaning that I think he is much sicker, pretty sick.

What I wonder about is after his saying that "Rick was so angry he made moves for official action" that "I have been provided with Washington lawyers to do the same."

If the latter is true. Or either is.

He then says he was not investigating any of us until he became a target. What a liar! When he called me up last year he told me that we were being investigated, each as part of his imagined main conspiracy, to kill, as he has written often, and then as part of the imagined related conspiracy, as he also later wrote often, to keep him from breaking the case wide open. That, he said, had us protecting the assassins!

I believe this is the degeneration I feared from the first, that he would be much worse when he found out that it all amounted to nothing.

Seems to me that his complaint about you telling Rookstool that all was coming down that week is precisely what I read in something Harry wrote.

The "instead" seems to mean, following his statement that the Baltimore police internal affairs was interviewing people, seems to have him saying "to" when he means "from" in this: "...instead we got the highest report back to the BCPD."

Harry and his paying me "a lot of money." He had taken an enormous amount of my time. He sent Rick who took even more. After High Trash made money he sent me a check for \$500. I cashed that. After High Trash 2 came out he sent me another check for \$500. I never asked him for any money. We did not want him or his money but I was not in a position to keep him away. The second check we had not decided to cash. I was leaving that up to Hil and she was leaning against it. And mark you! this was when he says I was conspiring against him! He sent me \$500 to conspire against him? We did not cash the check until I got his rotten dirty first letter accusing me. Then I did. Immediately!

"We know the terrible thing that Weisberg has done to try to hurt me," he says, saying no more. What terrible thing? All he can know about, none of us having told him that I will be asking for an examination of his acts I think felonious under Maryland law when the ~~xxxx~~ assistant local prosecutor has recovered her health and her schedule, is what Herman Graf may have told him of what I sent my friend who is his counsel that may present Graf with a legal problem. Until now I've sent my friend nothing else. I did advise him of the police internal affairs investigation so he would not be caught by surprise if by some chance the police do something about Harry. *Who knew about Adams et al.*

I take this as a further sign of his deterioration, what has concerned me from the outset.

Your stickon note referring to his saying that a New York Times reporter went to see you says that it was a Peter McKenna and that the Times says "he never worked for them."

Does this not mean that he had someone see you again under a subterfuge?

Which reminds me, unless you have a reason for not wanting me to know who wrote that so-called investigative report for him after lunching with you, it might be good for me to know who he is. Seemingly it is one who knew you, whether or not it is one I know. But no such efforts have been made with me.

Here again he gets back to me, asking if "all those things" you allegedly told him came from me.

I have no idea why he orders you not to mention Rothermel's name again unless he has come to realize that Paul gulled him. And I'm sure that he at least exaggerates in saying following that, "That is a network of former FBI agents and they mean business. I am tied in close there." Even his words are convoluted. (I told him when he first mentioned something like that to me, about last November, that the only deal they would have with him was to use him for what FBIHQ might want but his self-concept is such he cannot believe anything like that.

There is, I think, a further reflection of his megalomania in his presuming to give you orders, like "You must work fast in this matter." If he were rational he'd know that is silly but he is not in contact with reality at all.

This and his repeated references to me that have no reality and his reference to having "been provided with Washington lawyers," if true, indicates what at the very outset I considered possible: his focus is on me. I am the one who made him face that both of his books are basically falwed and I did it in each case only when he asked for it. I took no initiative. I have always refused any public comment on him or on his books.

He has nothing he can give any lawyers in Washington to call to government attention that has any factual relationship with the assassination, much as he may believe that he was close to "braking the case wide open." I doubt that if he has such lawyers he has been crazy enough to reveal that he has nothing to them, but maybe he is that crazy and that sincere in his belief that he is super-Sherlock with the crap he has been fed and the rubbish he has been looking for *and made up.*

I think it is significant that whereas he refers to me as chief of some "gangsters" he imagines are out to get him he has not addressed me personally since that February letter while writing so many letters to others after then. I've not heard from him since I wrote him that he needs help and should consult those he told me he had consulted in the past.

He was to have turned his ms. in ten days ago. Yet when he should have been getting it ready to turn in he took time for letters to you. I think this means that his sick correspondence means very much to him, he had the ms. ready or he did not turn it in on time. If

the latter he has new problems he may not be able to cope with and that can make him more desperate than I think he has been reflecting.

His more recently letter abandoned his boast of being about to break the case open ^{most of} and his Olympian self-representations. This can mean a crisis for him. He will not be able to see himself and his insane theories that are so real to him as the cause. I think he will be psychologically unable to recognize that those in whom he had such blind and illogical if not irrational faith suckered him. So, as his letters reflect, he seeks to find others the cause of his own crazy project. Like "Harold and his gangsters."

Mark Crouch, Groden and I are the only ones at all ^{geographically} close to him. He knows that Groden has not figured in his nutty theories but he may believe that Crouch gave him all his bad information. He apparently told Waybright that. But he has to know better and that that was impossible. So the one tangible he has is that I warned Graf's counsel that he has to be checked with great care, the representation he got from Graf, from what he said.

Or, of us all, I am the most likely to have something to fear from him.

I first felt that you did. His last letters to you and a couple of others indicate it is I.

This coming week I'll see if I can hasten the appointment with the state's attorney's office. One of the problems there may be the volume of what I've laid aside to give her.

I think I told you but if I did not, David Saulsbury went over that fat file and copied it so he could turn in not what Adams has been looking for, what the cops did that they should not have, but what Harry did that is illegal, his false representations that he is working with or for or as, which he actually did ~~not~~ say, the police in criminal investigations of us. He did write "I am the police."

I hope you have no more intrusions from him but if you do I hope you'll let me know.

He is potentially dangerous, he will likely become even more dangerous if his sick book faces any problems and I am more likely to appear to his sick mind as the cause.

I've had no response from Waybright to my last ~~letter~~ letter, of which I sent copies to you and to Peggy.

I do not expect to hear from David unless the police act or ask for more information.

If I hear anything I'll let you and Peggy know.

If you've not had your surgery, we do hope it goes well and you recover rapidly. If any recovery is needed. A week from today I'll be examined to see if there is anything other than the polyp they've decided not to remove.

Thanks and our love,

Harold

File Ray [unclear]

January 9, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE GARRISON FILE

Sue Fitch advises that she has a low regard for Harold Welsberg in that he was fired from a governmental position for associating with Russian Nationals believed to be espionage agents.

I told her that my dealings with Welsberg had been at arms length; that I had done some favors for him and that he had provided some information for me. He has done more for me than I have for him, including furnishing to me copies of inter-office correspondence between members of the Warren Commission and the Staff, which was highly enlightening.

She said that she had heard that even though Boxley was fired by Garrison and was trying to implicate Mr. Hunt and myself in the Kennedy Assassination he (Boxley) was still thinking about coming to see me to ask for a job.

I thanked Sue Fitch for the information and told her that I had read Welsberg's books; I did not know that he was anti-H. L. Hunt in the beginning but that I had an idea that I had converted him based upon some material Mr. Hunt had written which tended to show that Mr. Hunt was not anti-Semitic.

*He gave to Harry
Livingston*