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Dear Mary,

How rugged a man Buck must have been before he was beset with all his illnesses! We hope that the improvement he showed the evening you wrote me, this past Monday, continues and that he is soon back to at least his ^{recent} normal. I've had a couple of similar situations with Lil but never when I could not have, in a reasonable time, have gotten help. The more recent time was after my heart operation. Since then I'm limited to lifting 15 pounds. She fell in the kitchen and broke a foot but with a little help from Archimedes we got her up and to have it tended to.

You are correct in saying that Harry Livingstone is a mentally sick man. In different words he has said the same thing to me several times. Without the need! That, his present state of mind and what I can see for him in the future trouble me because I am most accessible to him, cannot do a thing to defend myself and we live without any near neighbors.

What I'd appreciate your keeping me informed about, and any others there who may pick any of this up, is not his concept of the assassination plot but the plot he imagines the rest of us have against him. He is there this week and some may have heard from or about him.

I did not know that he had been in contact with Rookstool as early as three months ago. He did tell me recently that he is working with an FBI agent and with Paul Rothermel. When he would not tell me the SA's name I told him and he said it was R.

Can you see what can flow from this? Or that Rookstool saw him for any good reason? Rothermel has long been working with the Dallas FBI office, including with some misrepresentations about me that I got from its files. Harry denies that Paul's records on and about me he got from Paul. So I suppose the next best guess would be Rookstool. But why in the world would Harry want any records about me? Or how could he have known of them, esp. my correspondence with Rothermel.

He has cast me in the role of helping H.L. Hunt and Hunt in the role of being one of the alleged rich Texas backers of the assassination.

He did not tell me he is writing another book. He did tell me he was working on a documentary with someone in New York. That now seems to be some kind of cover because recently he sent me a short preface and asked my opinion of a few of his few comments. Prefaces are for books, not documentaries. But the mishmash of mishigas (if you do not know the word in Yiddish it is craziness but with richer connotations) I detect nobody will think of publishing and then Harry will be more frustrated. And he'll hold us all responsible and I am the closest to him.

He did not indicate to me what Gary Mack's letter to him reflects. Or he is being

devious. You did not say whether I should regard the copy of his letter you enclosed as confidential so until I hear otherwise from you I'll treat it that way. One thing he says interests me much, that the Bronson film "does show the ^{head shot} sequence." If there are prints of a sequence of those frame's I'd appreciate being able to borrow them to study.

Harry told me that the Bronson film has been doctored, too!

I encourage all of you to regard him as sincere in what he says. He believes it. No matter how irrational. He does visualize a rather large conspiracy against him, there and not only there.

Even though he has now admitted, to me at least, that his work is seriously flawed he persists in the sick ⁱⁿ nothing that he has done all there is to do and had been done.

Without ever identifying his family he has several times told me it is rich. If any of you checked that November Town and County I've a mild curiosity, which is his family?

I've written him that I do not want to hear from him again and not to come here again. He may not have gotten that letter before he left for Texas.

It is impossible to help him because he regards any criticism as attacking him and aimed at destroying him.

It is a pleasant surprise to learn that Buck is home. How nice of Gary Shaw to take you to his home for Thanksgiving! Last I'd heard Buck was away in some kind of hospital and that Gary was nice enough to drive you there, to see Buck.

I hope that it becomes possible for Harry to learn that people can disagree and still get along with each other but I do not expect it.

He is also upset about people showing mug shots of him and saying they were taken when he was arrested and charged with child molestation. It is something to be upset about, too. He says it was on a dismissed drunken-driving charge.

I hope you can find the time to keep me informed no matter how small the detail in what he says about the critics being out to ruin him because he can be a menace to us. (I've refused to speak to the press about his books, by the way, and never made any public comment about them. I have praised his diligence in interviewing the doctors.)

Bill joins me in sending out love and the hope that all goes as well as it can for

all of you, sincerely,

Harold