

Dear Harold -

The reason there is a smudged look to this copy is that I had scotch-taped the two parts together and, as you undoubtedly know, scotch tape doesn't make for a clean reproduction.

I've just learned that LIFE is going after Garrison in a rather monstrous fashion, and quite soon, with an article linking him with the Mafia! Well, hell, they've tried every other attack they can think of and nothing has worked so I guess we can expect new and ever wilder campaigns. This is perhaps more worrisome than even the network ones because LIFE is such a God-damned bible in this country. I have always felt very mistrustful of the editorial staff of that magazine and was never impressed when I was repeatedly told that they were one day going to blow the case sky high. Much as I dislike having to say this, I feel I must tell you, also, that Lifton is in communication with Liebler right along. Need I say more? I have not had any contact with Lifton since I told him I wanted no further association with him, after he sent the vicious letter designed to vilify me to all the critics last spring, and I want nothing to do with him now or ever. I don't care what contributions he may or may not make to the case. I don't care what meaningless crumbs Liebler may toss him in exchange for information about the rest of us. But, while I have refrained from character assassination and personal attacks upon him in the past, despite his unfounded and unprincipled behavior toward me, I feel constrained to say a word to the wise, at this point. My book and what happens to it is a source of great interest and concern to Lifton and in a more minor way, therefore, to Liebler, who wants to publish and who, I understand, is encountering difficulties. For this reason, I have decided that, in order to protect myself and work from the mischief and interference the Liftons and Lieblers are capable of, I am going to reveal absolutely zero about the fate of my book to anyone. The less people like them learn about what we have in the works, the better off all of us will be.

Thanks for all the communications and kind words. I hope everything is progressing well for you.

Warm regards always, Maggie