

Dear Dick,

4/5/93

In the few moments before the Orioles game, which I need rather much today, I'll get started so that when I have time to resume I'll have forgotten less.

I've tried to limit myself in what I sent you to what I believed you as C & G's counsel might need to know. In a different sense, not in the sense of potential ~~in~~ legal liability, I report other things I have learned. If they do not involve legal liability they are things I would want to know. And may come to relate to liability.

Mark Crouch, who tells me he and Herman Graf know each other from the reprinting of Lifton's book, is quite upset. He says he overnight had two death threats from Harry. Harry last night and this morning cast him in the role in which more or less he had just cast me in a letter of which I expected a copy in today's mail. He wrote Mary Ferrell saying that he was wrong in casting her as the ringleader in the conspiracy against him - that I am the ringleader. It does not make me feel less uncomfortable or from the threat to Crouch any less concerned. I encouraged Mark to tell Graf what he knows. He had begun to and then had not, as I recall what he told me. There was much confusion from unrelated things here, from an insurance man to a repair man who did not make any repair and left with our tuner.

Mark says that the allegation that he was the source of Harry's "information" in the letter I sent you is entirely false. I heard yesterday that on the same day Richard Waybright sent similar letters to Mary Ferrell and Gary Shaw. I believe the police indicated to him that he should do that. All were dated the same day.

Harry seems now to be irrational even for him. Among the other things reported to me is that in connection with the article in the current JAMA, the Chicago convention of critics or both, he has written indignant, complaining letters - on Baltimore police letterheads.

I was told that Waybright wrote a similar letter to Farris Rookstool in the Dallas FBI office. Similar to the one to me that I sent you.

Crouch told me that when he reported the threat to an FBI man he knows that man was curt with him and told him to talk to his local police. ~~The~~ ^{The} local police gave him no satisfaction. He is really worried about what Harry might try to do. And ought I not be? And ought not a number of others be concerned?

All this and much more on a contracted book.

And who can begin to estimate what will follow, what can happen that can trigger more that I would not expect to be more moderate.

4/6. I think Harry's main complaint against Crouch has to do with what Crouch says he imagines and is not true regarding Groden and his suit.

I've copied those things I told you I would and I'll mail them after I return from my morning walking.

I can imagine that you may be wondering what does this have to do with C & G or with me as their counsel. I am not a lawyer and in those areas could not attempt to address this. But I've been around a long time. (I'll be 80 4/8) And the law is only one area. Whether or not that is the sole area about which you may in time want to be informed. If you have such a need without being informed you may not have the time to learn what you may want to know. I think, among other things, that I know Harry as Herman Graf does not. Perhaps even does not want to.

And by now I know quite a few people who are quite worried about what can ~~xx~~ happen. I know of the book only what Harry told me it will say. I know also that he lies and that he may not have told me what his book says. With regard to what he told me and others it will say I have unique knowledge of some of it and in general, I think I know as much if not more than anyone else.

On the subject matter in general, including what Harry thinks is his specialty in which he thinks he has knowledge nobody else has as well as on what he has boasted he will do, beginning, as of my earliest knowledge that I now recall, I believe that nobody is more or more accurately and completely informed.

Many of us believe that in connection with his book ^{now} and only in connection with it he is capable of passionate violence he may not be able to control. The death threat ~~at~~ Crouch reports is not his only one. He threatened someone else with death to me. When I later chided him about that he said he was only kidding. This is exactly what Crouch reports he did and said.

I have asked nothing of you and I do not now. The only question I recall asking you is did C & G have this book under contract. ^{It} If not I did not want to take the time I've been taking to try to be of possible help to you and through you to them. I hope I am wrong but I think it is possible that they and perhaps you will have or can have experiences with this book and its author that you have not had before. I stop there.

From what he has told several others they'll have the ms. soon and will know what it says. There is much about that, however, that I doubt they'll be able to know.

There now are quite a few of us who feel menaced and believe we have ample reason to be, particularly because we have reason to believe that he is not and has not been rational and in the words I addressed to him months ago, out of control. I urged him to see the medical people he once told me he had seen in the past and for the reasons he saw them in the past.

Best
Hawthorn

Harry told me he took this reporter down to that conference, meaning paid his expenses. He also told me that this is not a fair account and that the reporter had double-crossed him in writing this way.

In the story Dudley says he was surprised to see Harry there.

This does not seem probable to me.

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