

attachments in Livingstone file

Dear Dick,

3/22/93

For several days I've wondered whether to send you the enclosed letter Livingstone sent to Gary Mack. Although I'd prefer not to have any involvement in this Harry has given me little choice. There are some things in this fight that Harry started you are not in a position to evaluate, most of all perhaps who has contact with reality and who is accurate and who isn't. You have not asked me any question so I volunteer nothing on these things. If asked, I'll respond.

One of the reasons I send this and write you now is that there can be in the ~~offering~~ offering something related to the repeated if somewhat ambiguous references to being part of <sup>an</sup> official police investigation. Something is going to happen. What I neither know nor have tried to learn. It need not be a single action only. There are some indications it will not be.

Then I think you should know something about John Currington and another former H.L. Hunt top-level employee, Paul Rothermel. Both were fired by the old man's sons. Earlier they engaged some incompetent wire-tapper to tap <sup>employers' phones</sup> ~~their~~ phones, and those of others. Rothermel, a former FBI agent, arranged for his local police to catch them. I won't go into all of that other than to say that there were several matters in several courts and that at least Rothermel and possibly others were paid off. Rothermel told me he was, and without using these words, the old man did. Some of my knowledge comes from dim recollection of the lawsuits, some from fairly clear recollection of what the lawyer for one of the wire-tappers told, showed and gave me. Including his Samsonite attache case he forgot in Memphis, where he came to look me up during the Ray evidentiary hearings. Except that the old man continued to be fond of Rothermel, which I know from him and what he asked me to do, there appears to be a basis for continuing hard feelings.

Another reason I send this to you is this ~~sentence~~ from the last page: "My publishers were just shaken down, and both stated to me that there was an illegal conspiracy going on. One of the lawyers (on my publisher's side) is close to Harold W. They brought it up, not me."

My reasons for sending this to you do not in any way involve you.

Best,

Harold