

JL- added comment on Goulden/Washingtonian HW 2/3/75

Nothing could be more inconsistent with what Goulden wrote than what he told/asked me when he was here and had questioned me about my background and experience. I'd forgotten it until watching/hearing John Dean at Charlottesville in early a.m. TV a few minutes ago.

The part of Dean's speech CBS aired had him talking how he compromised everything just to get ahead, to please and thereby become a "success."

He is handled by the Amer. Program Bureau, Boston, Bob Walker, to whom Dick Gregory introduced me about 1969 (where they seemed to like and want me but told me that Lane had insisted that his was an exclusive contract).

It occurred to me that if there is a counterpoise to Dean, I am it.

It then came back that Goulden asked or told me that I should write my autobiography.

I told him I don't have that kind of ego, don't have time because there is other work that I think has significance, and haven't even made notes for a journal of any kind until recently and then only infrequently.

Goulden persisted that it should be done (which is not so different from the oral histories in which Wrono is interested) and said he had a writer friend to whom he'd introduce me. I've forgotten the name but the tapes should have all of this.

I can't reconcile this and what he wrote, so I presume he wrote for a purpose or for a reader?