

CC Hunt, Schooner, Salandria

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Dear Helen,

What a way to end a year! I am even busier than usual, with a few medical and dental complications to cope with in addition to those new things I have undertaken (nothing serious).

I have read your letter of 12/23, postmarked 12/28, once only. I should read it carefully, but if I do (it just arrived) I'll have no chance of getting this reply out today, which is my hope.

First, I'd like to ask you to send copies to each of these people with a note saying that you do so at my request:

Sylvia, Penn, Louis Ivon, Vince Salandria (2226 Delancey Place, Phila. 3, Pa.), Ray Marcus (1849 Hi Point (right) St., L.A. 90035). I think that, for the record, you should drop a note to Barry, possibly to Gelber, disassociating yourself from Horsey in any way.

I do not know who or what he is. He phoned me first, as I recall 12/3. Most of what he attributes to me is false. I had no earlier knowledge of him or his broadcasts, for example. Some of the innocuous things that would not stick in my mind I say or may not have said. I did say that I made an offer to talk to and perhaps help Thornley a year ago last month and that the reaction to this and what he and Lifton had been doing both privately, behind my back, and later publicly, impelled me to want nothing to do with them...I am surprised that Suark never phoned me. It is unlike him...if you do not mind, since I do not know the station, I'd appreciate it if you asked each of them for a sound tape of what he said about me, to be sent me. If you'd prefer, please instead send me the instructions, their calls and addresses, etc. I want this only as a record. Perhaps the TV one will be enough, if you have the radio.

I have never seen any of Garrison's grand-jury testimony. If he ever gave me any detail on it verbally, which I doubt, I have no recollection of it. I do not have a copy of either the indictment or the press release and had nothing to do with either, despite what they say. If Garrison has ever let anyone see any grand-jury testimony, I have not even heard a rumor of it. So, I know nothing of the particulars of Thornley's legal troubles. I know his own writing is therein deficient. My interest in Thornley is of his own inspiration, not Garrison's. It relates to things I have never mentioned, especially not to him, Lifton or Sylvia. While I remain of the opinion that Sylvia is a sincere, brilliant and dedicated person, on this issue she has an emotional involvement that I think, inevitably, will hurt her, and that I regret. She can be right about Garrison and not be right herself in everything she has done and said. I have so told her. Neither she nor any of the others understand the relationship between him and me. I think you do have a glimmer, and I let it rest there.

More, I can conceive of his legal work on Thornley being inadequate. If, as Thornley tells me, he is charged with but a single count of perjury, then I am satisfied what Garrison did is entirely inadequate. Thornley could be, within the meaning of the law if not in fact, innocent of that charge and still have what to me are much more serious things to answer to. He has no glimmer of what they are and I have no intentions of disclosing them to him or any of his friends. I have, in fact, only to a very few of those with whom I work.

When I learned that Horsey had phoned Salandria and asked what you seem not to know, that he defend Thornley, I decided to phone Kerry, and I did, with this young man listening in on an extension. For whatever my opinion is worth, the best that can be said for Kerry is that he simply is not rational. This young man is working for his doctorate in psychology and was fascinated, as he would have been in a laboratory. He thinks Kerry is plain nuts. I think you should be on guard. I could see him warming himself up as we spoke. He is astounding. He even defended Ferrie, and refused to back down one bit when I called him on this! Perhaps it is because he has done something similar to one of the things Ferrie did that he takes this position, but of all the complaints he could have made against me, that he restricted himself to the reiterated charge I had misrepresented and defamed Ferrie, well, do I have to characterize that? He also said that Levine is representing him without fee, as a "charity case", to use his words. I therefore wonder, as I did to her, to what use Kerry is putting the money she gives him for his legal defense, to pay his lawyer?

I cannot take the time to comment on all you wrote, but I do appreciate it. I hope you can puzzle your way through my typos and spontaneous syntax.

I'd like a copy of the Christian Youth Corps thing you have, please.

What he says about a woman telling me he had moved three days earlier is true. He never called back. I never initiated any call to him. In each case I returned the call, to the operator number he left. In one case I got a call from a man alleging he was Thornley, at a time he would have suspected I was not where I was staying, in daytime. Kerry says he did not place it and I have no reason not to believe him. Horsey also gave me the Kerry-wants-to-bear-all bit. I did not take the bait.

From this one conversation with him, I'd be inclined to put little confidence in anything Thornley says at any time. He began our conversation with an expression of his respect for my honesty, for example, and wound up with an irrational denunciation and hanging up. He admits he was at least used to frame Oswald, but claims the Commission misused his testimony (and you should see how he edited it, both officially and unofficially, in the Commission's and his "book" version). He admits this is what his stories do, but he now claims he didn't write them at all. At the same time, he admits he has never written a disclaimer to the magazine. That, he says, would serve no purpose, not even as a record. By the way, I said none of the things about him Horsey attributed. More than ever, I regard him as a sick and dangerous man, and while I never sent you any of these messages, I encourage you to adhere to your instinct and having no connection with him. There is no telling how he might twist anything you say and wind up believing it. He is not honest, if he is capable of it, and does do very dirty things, which includes beating women up. He also lies about them. He is, personally, from all I can learn, vile. And intellectually corrupt. Like calling the woman who befriended him a practitioner of witchcraft and saying she keeps a voodoo altar in her home. The truth is that he helped her build it for a single purpose, a TV show. This little thing should tell you enough about him as a person. He is very, very twisted, and I deeply regret that Sylvia's passion has led her to in any way associate herself with his likes. I regret this for her sake, not mine. I am little concerned about him and the threats to sue that he disclaims and Lifton (another sick one, at best) circulates. I do hope they are crazy enough. I'll do what Garrison cannot toward establishing truth.

Do more time. Do not worry, look forward to better luck in the new year, and do try and keep me posted. I'll be going back to N.O. before the trial and I'll be there through it. Because you express confidence in my integrity, let me add that I have not initiated anything against him, in any way. All I recall of the Ruark broadcast is slight ridicule (he was silent, to my face, about this, as he backed down on the air). He declined confrontation then. I accepted it. Good luck!

*This is long but I hope
you can stick with it -*

23 December 1968

Dear Harold:

To say that I am a little frightened by all that has been taking place here is to understate. I will start at the beginning and see if I can put things in some kind of order then some kind of picture may emerge.

The first time I heard of Ed Horsey was during the week of the Democratic riot. That Monday Mark Lane was Harvey Shelton's guest on "Open Mike", live. He was in this area for some reason or other. A couple of nights later - sorry, it was 3 September - Ed was the guest. But I heard his name the week Lane was on when Shelton announced he would be a guest. Then Ed was on an early morning TV version of "Open Mike" and I saw a replay of that the following Saturday night. I was not aware until that time that he was staying anywhere locally. I taped the radio interview but did not know about the one on TV until it was on the air and so did not get it on tape.

Ed stated on both programs that he was in this area doing some investigations and would be leaving to return to Kalamazoo very shortly.

A couple of weeks later I received a phone call from him and he asked to visit me to talk about the investigation. He said he was given my name and phone number by a man who lives near where he was staying. This is true. That is one thing I can accept since he would have had no other way of knowing how the man came to have my name. We had sold him a small utility trailer and discussed the King assassination (this was within a day or two of that) and the JFK assassination came up as a natural extension of the same discussion. Ed knew these details and could not have known them in any other way than by talking with the man.

He came to our home that same day and he told of his work with - as he described it - a rather loosely-knit group or committee that seemed to include Josiah Thompson. This "group" had ~~arranged to receive all mail at an~~ arranged to receive all mail at an address in Houston, Texas in the name of Dr. John Smith. Sometimes his middle initial has been given as D and as M at other times.

He produced the sketches of two men (the sketches included in my last to you in New Orleans) said to have been made by a commercial artist of faces in the trees on the grassy knoll in the Moorman photo. He showed me the Allen photos of the two men and pointed out the resemblance between those and the sketches. He did imply that Josiah Thompson had been working on this with him.

He stated his interest in Kerry Thornley and asked if I could help him. I said I could not since I had had no contact with him at all and did not know either his address or his telephone number. He was interested in the extreme Right in this area and asked if I could tell him anything about that. I had a flyer put out by a pro-Nazi outfit, the Christian Youth Corps, and made him a copy of that.

A day or two later he phoned, all full of excitement and generosity, to tell me his secretary in Kalamazoo had called to give him the name and address of a man who had been an eye-witness to the events in Dealey Plaza. Guess who? Norman Similas! He asked me to write Similas and see what he had to say, saying that his secretary had said Similas had not been mentioned in the Warren Commission volumes or by any of the critics. I said O.K., not mentioning that you had very well covered Similas in Photographic Whitewash. Then I got out the book and went over what you had written and phoned him back to inform him.

Ed also told me that, the day he was on the TV program, a casket spray was delivered to the TV station with a card saying something about hopes he would reap the rewards he deserved. He said he asked for it to be delivered to some place where it would be appreciated. I tried a couple of times to contact the moderator of the program to ask about it but was unable to reach him and he has since left the station.

During the next few days Ed phoned to tell me of strange things that happened: Idiotic phone calls that made no sense; 11 taxicabs one after the other one afternoon, each driver asking if he was reading to go the airport; an ambulance; men walking up and down the alley back of the home where he was staying with his parents and then insisting he allow them to look through the house since they were going to purchase it and becoming nasty when he refused because it was not for sale; cars driving back and forth slowly in front of the house; etc.

There was no way to disprove any of this and I had no real reason to doubt him at this time so I could only suggest he use caution. What else could I say?

Then he called, all excited, about a phone call he had received in which his life was threatened. He had managed to tape record it. I have a copy of the tape which is of terrible quality.

Somewhere along in all this, I leaped out of bed one morning early to answer the telephone, discovered that my left leg had been amputated below the knee sometime during the night and, by the time I could navigate again, managed to break my big toe and wrench that foot. This put me out of commission for a few days and things became confused, so I may not have things in correct order for that period of time.

I got a phone call from a man who gave his name as Jack Senn who asked for any help in contacting Ralph Edwards to work with him. He said Edwards had told him to call me for making such arrangements. I explained that the only Ralph Edwards I knew was the one on radio and TV and that he certainly didn't even know I was alive. Senn said he was referring to the one who was working on the JFK investigation and that he had been given the name by the Florida State Employment office. The number he had been given was that of Ed Horsey so, wondering what this was all about, I went along with it and said that if and when Edwards called again I would give him Senn's message and phone number.

Right after I hung up the phone, Ed phoned to ask if Senn had called and what did I think of it. He professed to be in the dark about how the FSE office would have had any listing for a job with him. In a subsequent call from Senn, I asked him more about this and, from what he said, some one had listed an opening for a research assistant to Ralph Edwards with pay of \$600.00 a month. He got the information because his wife was a friend of the woman who took the listing. He said he was formerly a newspaperman in Michigan and was semi-retired here, doing free-lance work.

A couple of evenings later a call came for me from some unemployed musician who said he had seen a notice on a bulletin board in a music store to the effect that there was an opening for a bass player and giving my name and phone number and an alternate to call, Ralph Edwards and his phone number. In every case, the phone number for Edwards has been Horsey's phone number.

A couple of days later I got a call from the director of a funeral home who said he was responding to my request for someone to help me with pre-arrangements for my funeral. He was for real and was most apologetic when he learned it was a hoax. Seems someone had called before he arrived and told his secretary that the caller

had been playing cards with some elderly people the night before. Two of them, me and Ralph Edwards, had both expressed interest in pre-arrangements since both said they were without any relatives to take care of such things should they die. These two old people asked the anonymous caller to have a funeral home contact them. There was no way to discover who the caller was and the man who called me was quite distressed to have been used this way. I did check on him and he was O.K.

During all this time, Ed was trying to find a way to contact Thornley and did get the address and telephone number. He called and talked with him and gave Sylvia Meagher as one reference and Dr. John Smith as the other. He called Sylvia - only the second time he had ever had any kind of contact with her - and then told Thornley he could check with her, that she would vouch for him. Thornley did call her and she did not vouch for Ed although I did not know any of this at the time.

During this same period of time he told me he had gained Thornley's confidence and that Thornley was impressed with my honesty and that I was quite trustworthy and willing to meet with Ed at my home. Ed would ask if Thornley had phoned yet to set up the time and date or if he had written. He seemed genuinely confused that Thornley did not contact me. He also told of a couple of individuals who had called him, having been told to do so by Thornley, wanting to "tell everything". These never followed through, either.

I got a call from the telephone company, trying to correct an error in billing of a toll call to Sylvia from here. The woman said they had charged it to the wrong number, called Mrs. Meagher, and that she said to contact me since I might know who would be calling from St. Petersburg. This is normal, not at all unusual. I have had it happen before and it is a legitimate process. No reason to question it. I told the caller the only one I knew of was Ed Horsey and gave his number.

Shortly Ed called to tell me about a call from a woman who was obscene and abusive and suggested he drop all investigations. He did not record it. The woman had given me two dates for calls to Sylvia and neither coincided with his call.

On Saturday, the 19th of October, I had a call from Jack Senn who said he was asked to tell me details of a call he had made to Alcock in New Orleans. He said he was asked by Ralph Edwards to call Garrison's office about the Gelber Diary. He was to get assurance that, if a photo copy of the diary were sent to Garrison, none of the names would be made public since some were names of under cover agents who were still using a cover. He said Alcock gave him this assurance whereupon Senn advised him, per instructions from Ralph Edwards, that a Mrs. Hartmann would send photostats of the diary. He asked me if I had the photostats to mail and I said I did not, that I had never even seen copies or anything else from the diary. He was concerned since he had used his own name on the call and did not wish to be made to appear unreliable.

I, too, was concerned that I had been involved and called Ed Horsey to ask what it was about. He said he did not have any copies but thought he could get them and wanted to know if I could get them to Garrison if they were given to me. I said that I could, but that I would not send them to Garrison, that I would send anything like that to you and you would do what you thought best with them. This seemed satisfactory to him. Then I asked about my position legally in such a deal in view of the fact that the State of Florida had refused to send the material to Garrison. He did not think there would be any jeopardy but I still protested that I thought it was not a good idea, particularly since the State had said Garrison could send an agent to examine any of the material and there was no need for intrigue.

I almost left out something. Right after Senn hung up the phone, I got a call that was a very bad connection. The caller, who stated he was Edward Horsey and asked for Mrs. Hartmann, sounded as if he was at the bottom of a well. The voice sounded somewhat like Ed's but the connection was so bad I could not be sure. I did not have my recorder set up at the time, I regret to say. The caller demanded to know when I was going to send the photostats of the Gelber Diary to Garrison. I said the connection was so bad I could hardly hear and to let me call back. The caller said there was no need to call back, that all he wanted was to know exactly when I was going to send the Gelber Diary to Garrison. It was as if the caller was trying to establish the fact that I was going to do this. At the time this did not fall into place as it has since then. Anyway, the voice said he was not at his home and would not be for some time and again demanded to know exactly when, etc. I continued to say the connection was so bad I absolutely refused to discuss anything whatsoever.

Then when I called Ed, he was at home, so were his parents and the connection was loud and clear. He stated he did not call and was disturbed that anyone would know the content of Senn's calls.

I had written to Sylvia Meagher to ask if she knew anything about Horsey. She phoned in reply to tell me what Thornley had told her: That Horsey maintained to him that I was not to be trusted and that Thornley should have nothing to do with me since I was working for Garrison.

As you and I both know, I am not working for Garrison or anyone else. If I have managed to tape any interviews on radio or TV or if I have found newspaper clippings of any interest, I have sent them to you. You have let me know a couple of times that some of this material was to be given to Garrison but I don't see any way any person could twist this into my working for Garrison.

Thornley was unable to reconcile Horsey's statements about me with what Bob Ruark told him and neither did they jibe with Sylvia's limited opinion. Both had made suggestions that he contact me and yet here was Horsey saying I could not be trusted because I was working for Garrison. Sylvia advised extreme caution and even breaking off all contact with Horsey. This was the night before the Senn call about the copy of the diary.

Then you called and asked me about the business of sending the copies to Garrison. And I told you the situation as of then. Horsey had stated emphatically that he did not have a copy of either the Miami tape or copies of any part of the diary.

When I talked with him again, I told him you had called asking about the material and asked him again about the ethics, legal and otherwise, of promising Garrison's office the copies and of involving me. I asked him how he proposed to get the copies. He said he had had them for a long time! I asked where he got them. He said from Bill Barry.

And, to further muddy the water, he had also been maintaining to me and to Thornley that he thought Garrison was all kinds of nasty. I have tried to remain out of this particular clash of opinion - pro or con Garrison. My response has been that Garrison could not have got an indictment against Shaw without presenting something more than fancy and that he stood to lose so much if his case is based on rumor and fabrication. I have also made it clear that, if the people indicted are as innocent as they claim, the only way to clear their names is in a court; that the mere prevention of their standing trial would not clear them, it would only leave suspicion attached to them for all time. I have also stated that, on the other hand, I had respect for the opinions of those who felt Garrison did not have a case. But I have felt I could accomplish more by staying out of the controversy if I could.

I can see no justification for any demands that Garrison give the public more solid facts regarding his charges against either Shaw or Thornley. He would be all kinds of a fool to do so. I have never had any question in my own mind about your honesty or your integrity. I do not accept any suggestion that you might be involved in fabricating evidence against another person. I believe that, if you had reason to think you might have been mistaken in any area, you would be the first to admit it and to try to clear any confusion arising from such an error. All of these things I have stated when asked about your position.

I hold the same beliefs about Sylvia Meagher. I have stated that I have great respect for her work and her opinions. She has been of great help to me several times. If she thinks Garrison is something less than God, I will not argue with her. It would serve no purpose to do so and would accomplish precisely nothing beyond her being alienated from yet another person.

In this controversy, I am too ill-informed to be effective in any argument over the merits or lack of them where Garrison is concerned. This is the position I tried to hold to in all discussions with Ed Horsey. I am only one person, whose opinion matters little to anyone else and whose attempts to justify another's acts or opinions would do more to harm than to help. I hope this is clear and I am fearful that it is not. It is just that I know my limitations and try not to exceed them. I do not do well as an advocate for another individual.

Now, back to the story.

I had great difficulty in reconciling Horsey's protests of belief in Thornley's innocence with his apparent determination to furnish Garrison with the copies of the diary. But things kept happening to keep me off balance. I was too involved in the whole mess to be able to analyze it objectively.

One of these years I am going to learn that I should retire to a padded cell and stay there from the middle of October to the end of November each year. All the unpleasant things that happen to my physical being have taken place during that period of time, yearly. I should never have thought 1968 would be an exception.

The evening of Friday, 1 November, I bit down on a piece of bone or something and broke one of my good teeth. Being the week-end, a dentist was not available and it immediately absessed. It was a week before I was able to have it extracted and another week or ten days before I was back with civilization again. Anything to do with a tooth extraction is a major operation with me due to sensitivity to local anesthetics and the fact that I do bleed. Enough to say that nothing of an unusual nature occurred during that time. I was not able to vote and didn't care too much.

I have had a couple of calls from Tom Raum but he was trying to contact Ed Horsey and this was before I received your letter of 1 December. One time after that letter came, he called trying to reach Ed and I asked him about copies of the clippings for you. He said he had sent them and he was kind enough to send me copies also so, since he said he sent you some, I did not worry about it anymore. He was never interested in talking with me personally.

After I got your letter, Ed phoned for something - I forget what - and I mentioned that I had heard from you, telling him that Raum had called you and should have written a follow-up on your statements. Also that you were going to New Orleans in a day or two.

He was on an anti-Thornley kick, willing to go all-out. He said Thornley had told him a bald lie and he could no longer believe a word Thornley said. He also said he had received a copy of a letter Thornley had written to Josiah Thompson in which

Thornley expressed appreciation for all the nice things Thompson had said and asking Thompson to suggest that Horsey contact Thornley for an appointment at which time Thornley would "tell all".

Ed came to our home that evening and showed me the copy of the Thornley-to-Thompson letter and quickly put it away without my seeing it closely enough to identify it positively -- since "it contains a lot of confidential information".

He also said he had had a long talk with you on the telephone that afternoon covering an hour or so and that you had said to let him read your letter to me. This was the evening of the day he was on TV with all the horrendous remarks about you - which he said he had made to try to gain Thornley's confidence. He said you told him you had heard about the program and all he said before he called and that you told him he had signed his death warrant and whatever he did, he was not to allow anything to happen to me.

He said you asked for a transcript of the program because you were interested in all the statements he had made about the Constitution Party for States' Rights and other Right Wing groups.

He said you wanted a copy of the letter from the man who had a W-number and the photograph of the man. And you wanted a copy of some kind of questionnaire. I made copies of these and, when the copy of the photo did not come out good, I suggested he send the original since I knew you would return it as he said you had promised. So far as I knew, it was (the original photo) included in the envelope he took to post.

He said you wanted copies of the sketches of the faces from the Moorman photo, that you had been practically begging someone or other to share with you so I made copies of them with the understanding that you would know what they were. He said you wanted to know the date Jack Senn phoned New Orleans and he was able to give me the date since he told Senn to bill it to his phone. He had the bill with him and I put the notation on the back of the card, "Jack Senn call to New Orleans 18 Oct 68".

He said you told him to warn me that I would be in physical danger if I was ever alone with Kerry Thornley. He said he had asked you about offering to work for Garrison and you told him not to offer but to wait since you were sure Garrison would contact him.

He said he also offered to make arrangements for you and Kerry Thornley to sit down together and straighten out any misunderstandings - I had told him I thought this was the only way it could be done, that it would never accomplish anything if done through a third or fourth person. He said you told him you wouldn't cross the street to talk with Thornley.- Once you wanted to do so but now you did not wish to talk with Thornley.

And a whole bunch of other stuff I don't even recall now. Sorry.

By the way, by the time I got the copies of the newspaper clippings about you, it was last week and I thought you might no longer be in New Orleans.

Anyway, when he left here that time, he picked up your letter and took it with him and I did not notice until he had driven off. I phoned as soon as I thought he had time to get home and asked him to bring the letter back. He did a couple of days later and I don't know whether he had it copied or not. Probably so. I am sorry and now I wonder if you did say he should read it.

He also said he had mainly phoned you to see if you were interested in a meeting with Kerry Thornley. He seemed to believe he could arrange it. He said you told

Sorry about this repetition - a couple of days elapsed here -

you would not cross the street to talk with Thornley.

In your letter you say he (Horsey) told you he clobbered you on TV and perhaps should not have done. If I remember right, this would have been on a Monday. On Wednesday night, two days later, he was on Bob Ruark's program and did the same thing, only more so. Bob thought he was doing me a favor by putting him on - but he neglected to ask me first.

You said he called and left a message in N.O. for you to call back and that when you did the woman who answered said he had moved three days earlier. Boy, oh, boy! The whole thing gets more and more tangled. I do have hope, however, that it can be unraveled.

He told me that you had called his home one day when he was out and, due to all the nut calls he claimed to have received, his mother quickly said he had gone three days before. Nothing about it's being a return of a call of his.

He did say that you had "returned a call" he was supposed to have made to you in N.O. - the rude one you spoke of - and that he talked to you. He professed to be puzzled as to who could have placed the call. He said the operator said it had been placed at 3:35 P.M. the day before - at which time he was here and did not use the phone. He said he did talk to you when this call was returned and that it was charged to his phone and that you were in the dark about who originated the call.

The same day he called me, all excited, to tell me about a long distance call - through an operator - which he answered and he told the operator he was a friend and that Mr. Horsey was not there. He asked the operator what city she was in and she told him Philadelphia. He said the man on the other end only said a couple of words so he could not hear the voice well enough to identify it. The man refused to have the operator leave a number. Ed said the only person he could think of in Philadelphia that might call him was Salandria so he called his home but Salandria's wife said he was in N.O.

So, he told me he called Salandria in N.O. to see if he had called - which is quite ridiculous since the operator had said Philadelphia - and that Salandria had said not and was very cool toward him. He claimed to be puzzled all over again. He kept blaming Thornley for all of it.

Until last week I had never had any communication with Thornley aside from calling in when he was on Bob Ruark's program. That was the only contact I had had. But last week I did hear from him and it had to do with the web Horsey seemed to be trying to weave around Thornley and anyone else whose telephone number he could get.

By the weekend before Horsey left St. Petersburg some of what he had been doing had begun to filter back to me and I was starting not to like it. I was also on the way to acquiring proof that Horsey had lied to me. Deliberately. I asked Sylvia Meagher to check on a couple of things for me. Everything indicates that Thornley has had nothing to do with all the various telephone calls to everyone. I have now made up my mind that it was either Horsey or some cohort of his or both.

No matter what Kerry Thornley may or may not be guilty of, he has enough problems with what is already in the works without someone's trying to embroil him in more. I am dead set against railroading, no matter what the end, for the good or for the bad. I am even more set against being used in such activities. And this is what has apparently been attempted. I think these attempts have also been meant to include you, Lifton, Salandria, Sylvia Meagher, reporters here in St. Petersburg and in Tampa as well as other individuals not yet discovered.

Sylvia checked with Thompson and he had neither written to or heard from Thornley. The same for Horsey. He did not even know Horsey's address here. So much for that lie that Horsey told me (P. 5, para 2).

P. 3, Para. 4: The telephone company had not checked with Sylvia to see who had phoned from here. Another fabrication; this time by some woman.

P. 4, last paragraph: The lie he said he caught Thornley in. He said Thornley told him he had written to Dr. John M. Smith asking about Horsey and that Smith had replied. Horsey was furious about what he claimed was Thornley's lie since he said he would certainly have known about both letters -- he is John Smith. He and no one else.

I now have a copy of the Smith letter to ~~Horsey~~ Thornley and it was written first; Thornley answered it. I also have a copy of Horsey's handwriting. He did write the glowing letter of recommendation to Thornley, praising Horsey to the skies and urging Thornley to trust Horsey!

P. 3, Para. 1: This almost certainly had to be Ed Horsey calling. He had told Kerry Thornley he would furnish him with a tape of a telephone conversation with me which would prove I was working for Garrison. I can see no other explanation for this call except that it was an attempt to get me to say I was sending the copies of the Gelber diary to Garrison. Which I was not.

Some of the things Horsey has told me I cannot check. And they certainly do need checking. Where he has lied about any of us, the lie needs to be undone. Kerry Thornley is asking his attorney to follow through on some of it.

P. 6, Para. 5 & 6: Salandria received a phone call while in Garrison's office that he thought was from Lifton, offering information about the State's Rights Party. This had to be Horsey. This party was his interest and he did say he called Salandria there.

Horsey has also given the impression he was collecting funds to help Thornley, and that he was authorized by Thornley to do so. He did mention to me that he would like to collect money for Thornley but this was strictly his own idea and was entirely without Thornley's knowledge.

According to Thornley, Horsey had "intimate knowledge of" Thornley's Grand Jury testimony. This shook Thornley up considerable - I wonder, too, how he came by such information. Isn't that supposed to be secret?

Also, Horsey, Sr., is retired and Ed's mother teaches part time in a vocational school. Yet, he seems to have all the money he needs for long distance calls and trips hither and yon. He is only 27 years old so he can't have amassed any great bank account. Where does the money come from?

And how come he is so determined to discredit me with everyone? Why does he feel he must harrass Thornley? He has gone to no little trouble to link my name with his - he has, despite my request that he not do so, made a number of comments on the radio and on the TV interview (the last one) about working with the "UFO lady". Since this is the way I am identified to most of the listeners, anyone would immediately know of whom he spoke. I have explained to you how I wished to keep the two subjects separated and he knew this very well.

I shall not discuss Thornley's case with him. Nor shall I discuss with him any correspondence with you or from you. Strange. Had Ed Horsey not surfaced, most likely I would never have had any contact with Thornley. Something else that is strange. Horsey had phoned a couple of times from Missouri, where he was to be working until the 23rd of Dec. The last call, he promised to phone again in a

couple of days with some information on a "real hot lead" and said he would be over to see me while he was spending Christmas with his parents here. This call was the night before Thornley phoned. Not one peep out of Horsey since.

At times it has seemed as if he had to know the content of some of my telephone conversations with individuals I know I can trust completely. If he gained information on what was said between Thornley and me, this would explain the silence since then. He would know his lies were discovered.

When I can get time (whatever that is) I will make copies of Horsey's radio and TV remarks for you. If he stays out of town long enough perhaps with the phone quieted down I can get a few things done. Trouble is, he has lied so much that I don't know but what he is here longer than the couple of days he stipulated. Thornley has had peculiar incidents involving a car that fits the description of Horsey's car.

As I said before, my purpose now is to try to straighten out all the misrepresentations caused by Horsey. Until now, I have not had my credibility or reliability questioned, so far as I know. And again, no matter what Thornley may be guilty of, this does not justify what Horsey apparently has tried to do to him. Most particularly it does not excuse involving me in such activities.

As busy as you are, I feel badly about burdening you with such a long letter and yet I wanted you to know as much as possible about the situation. I even forgot to tell you about a call I had, supposedly a long distance call with an operator, demanding that I either put you on the telephone or say where you could be reached. The operator asked for Harold Weisberg or Ed Horsey. Beats me. I said the last time I heard from you, you were in Maryland. The man on the other end told the operator I was lying.

Most of these calls, I tried to record them without much luck. I set up the recorder with the telephone pickup and kept it that way - it is still ready to go. Normal calls from people not involved recorded perfectly. But these calls came out with a 60-cycle hum that made it all but impossible to identify any voice on the other end. Which is still more suspicious. I will state that it did not resemble Thornley's voice at any time. It came closer to Horsey's.

Enclosed is another cutting on the motorcycle gang. In getting out the Christmas tree trimming, I discovered this newspaper had been used to pack stuff away last year. Also enclosed is a copy of an ad from the Kalamazoo Gazette that might be of interest to you.

I will try to locate the John Smith address in Houston for you.

My apologies again for such a long letter. And my assurances that my contacts with Thornley will deal with Horsey's machinations, not with his case.

The names Horsey uses, in addition to his own (A. Edward Horsey, Jr.) are: John Smith, D.O.; Ralph Edwards. If there are others, I have not heard them.

I only hope I have heard the last from him.

Harold, I have no question in my mind about your purposes or methods. Anyone who reads your books must be convinced of your fairness and integrity. Put your mind at ease so far as I am concerned. If I ever should have a question, I will ask you, not the person arousing the question.

Horsey told me Thornley did not know the man in the photo. He claimed to have got it as "John Smith". He was trying to link it with Thornley, it and the letter.

I know there is a lot still unanswered. Wish I knew the answers. When I learn more, I will let you know. And if you find out anything else involving Horsey, please inform me.

All my best to you and your wife, *Sincerely, Helen*

The question of manpower was the biggest stumbling block in the negotiations, which began last spring as the 1967-68 city budget was being drawn up.

The city maintained that the question of manpower was its prerogative and definitely not an item for negotiation.

The association felt that department strength was a proper subject of negotiation because it "affects the working conditions, hours and safety of

citizens who have had, in many instances, to face critical situations with little or no back-up personnel."

The 1967-68 budget provides for 28 people, four more than last year, including 15 policemen (patrolmen), two detectives, four sergeants, four radio operators, one stenographer, one clerk and the chief of police.

The association report said that as of Aug. 23, the department strength was 23, with 14 patrolmen, one detective, two

problem would be met through the provision of additional personnel in the future.

Councilman Richard M. James said the reason why the council city could not meet the generally recommended strength of one officer for every 1,000 citizens was a lack of funds.

"We're trying to do right by the people by not growing too fast," James said. "We've gone a long ways. We've got to creep before we walk."

IF THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT WAS INACCURATE, THE MURDERERS OF JOHN F. KENNEDY ARE TODAY FREE MEN!

An open letter to the Citizens of the United States:

Sunday, August 27, 1967
Fellow Citizens:

Let it be known that citizens of good intention planned to solve the murder of John F. Kennedy. We believed:

- The attack on John F. Kennedy was also an attack on the office of the President of the United States of America.
- A lone assassin did not successfully execute the Dallas plot on November 22, 1963.
- The Warren Commission Report was not based on objectivity, but was overshadowed by preconceptions.
- Congress should have exercised its constitutional responsibility to investigate the death of President John F. Kennedy.
- Citizens should have read the Warren Report to seek out the numerous evasions and inconsistencies.
- Every American citizen should have besieged congress and political candidates for a new, fair and non-biased investigation into the Dallas tragedy.
- The solution of the murder of John F. Kennedy and prosecution of the elements responsible for that national tragedy were the sole aims of our investigations.

We will continue to work with other investigative elements until the entire truth about the assassination is made public. We ask your continued interest, encouragement, and support. With All Mighty God's help, our stated objective will be realized.

Citizens Investigating the Death of John F. Kennedy

Penn Jones, Jr., Chairman,
Midlothian, Texas
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