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Dear "Corky",

Had my wife not celebrated my return by badly spraining her ankle, which is still in a cast, I'd have written you sooner. I am anxious to be brought up to date.

I am quite sorry you didn't let me know of your trip before you made it or immediately upon your return. Things might have been a little different.

Skip told me he'd like to go to New Orleans when he can, that he'd like me with him and with a connecting room with mine when we were there. Whether he meant this then or if he did, still does, I do not know. I think it would be to everyone's advantage except mine if this happens. There is nothing in it for me. I arranged to introduce him to some one he seems to trust, and he agreed that this man could put him on a plane, nonstop, that I'd meet in N.C. with one of Garrison's plain-clothes men.

Larry Howard also agreed to go with me. When I could not he went with a young friend of mine. The enclosed clippings indicate his satisfaction. The offer Garrison has made Skip is his salvation unless he had a finger on a trigger, which I do not believe he did. It grants him total immunity, and anything he says before the grand jury is secret-cannot be used in another jurisdiction, assuming there is another jurisdiction that conceivably could be interested.

I am interest in the proof that Howard was with Skip when the FBI interviewed him 9/16/64. Does it exist, in documentary form, in your possession? If not, where can it be obtained?

Soon one of Garrison's men will be here and I may get brought up to date from that end, assuming he knows what transpired. For my present knowledge and for an historical record, I'd appreciate it very much if you would take the time to draft a complete memo, from the very beginning, subject to such reservations as you chose to impose. There are other aspects of this story that no one other than me knows, other people, etc. Please include those things you told me over the phone and what has transpired since. I understand Skip is now home.

Unless he studies the FBI reports (and we do not now know whether there are others not yet available, as I am confident there are -I have spoken to one man who was twice interviewed by the FBI about Skip and I have not seen any report of any interview with him), I do not think he can realize how urgent his complete cooperation and truthfulness (apparently this is difficult for him) are to his present and future and that of his wife and their children. Even were he to have had an involvement, that can be no worse than the existing record. Here again is where I think it desirable from his point of view for me to be present. I think he now trusts me, but I do not know. I think he realizes I am not out to "get" him, but want only the truth. He may also think I am a kind of fool because I never once called him a liar, and he certainly told me things that were not true.

What he may not realize, and what I cannot disclose except in generalities, is that others have informed on him. This includes at least one he considers a fairly close friend.

I have sent him a set of books, to John Peppas, as he asked. I haven't had time to copy the FBI file, but I will. But I will not send it to anyone but him. I

detected typewritten police documents when Philip was there - this is not true

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Dear Mr. Huston,

By the time you get this I will have started on a trip that will have me in the Los Angeles area about February 11. I may get there a few days earlier, I cannot now say.

Last time when I informed you, you made gestures at getting in touch with me but avoided calling when you had been told I would be available. I was then prepared to go see you and you said, instead, you would go to L.A. and didn't.

This, of course, is your right. What you elect to do and not do is your own affair.

Aside from those worthwhile considerations that motivated you to begin with, from what you told me, considerations I would like to think are still important to you, I would like to suggest that you consider the present position:

You have done all those things that might present some jeopardy to you; And you have steadfastly refused to do the only thing that can protect you.

This, also, is true of your colleague.

Most people do not stop to think it out or, if they do, fail to understand the real situation. He who has a secret, or some evidence, especially in this case is in danger only as long as he keeps his secret. Once he has shared it with those who can use it, no purpose is served by hurting him. An effort to hurt him needlessly jeopardizes those who might attempt it who, even if they succeed, accomplish nothing except their own jeopardy. As long as you and your friend hold secrets- which now means as long as you live-someone may be unhappy enough about it to endanger you. I hope you both will think this through and realize it is true and where your real self-interest is. Need I mention a patriotic interest?

If you would like to see me, you can arrange this through Art Kevin, ERJ re Los Angeles, 213/462-2133. I think Mr. Kevin will accept a reverse call and will, you desire (and it will be for your protection) tape record your conversation. He will know when I expect to arrive and my approximate schedule. However, unless you are serious, do not call him.

I am looking forward to meeting you.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg