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Dear both,

And I say both not out of simple courtesy but to prevent one from incurring the wrath of the other. Penn is going to be mentioned in Playboy!

They phoned me yesterday because they are going to mention all the books on the subject. They didn't know about yours, Gun's and Sauvage's publication, so I told them. Strange, but they didn't want to listen! I do not know what form it will take, and they did not at first identify themselves as from Playboy, saying instead they were "H.M.H Publications".

A long letter from Bill gives glowing accounts of your triumphal march through California. Bravo! Bravissimo! As long as you can get these appearances, is there anything I have that you can use? Let me know if there is.

The rough draft is complete, save for the interview I'll seek with Castorr. I've added a dozen and a half pages on Specter's U.S. News interview calling him a liar and daring him to sue - and proving that he is a redundant and constitutional liar. I'm delighted with his interview, for it gives me a chance to balance him more evenly with Liebel, who I understand has had some kind of a confrontation with Lane. Bill says Lifton is helping Liebel, a strange switch. I can understand he might have had some experiences that might sour him, but this I did not expect. Norton is to do a book by Liebel. I have a friend who is a Norton's salesman and may learn more when I have a chance to look him up.

Spoke to Mel Bailey Friday. He is delighted with the "special", from which they plan to edit an additional 15 minutes for a 3-hour show.

I have referred a number of other people to you. You may in the near future also be visited by a reporter from the Washington Star, which is entitled and has done some considerable and unsuccessful checking. Hal Verb says the Ramparts special will be out October 20. My immediate future may be determined by a medical check tomorrow. I had a strange spell driving to NYC last Thursday, diagnosed by a local doctor after I got off the turnpike as gall bladder.

Keep up the good work. Bill says you come through fine on the shows on which you were. Wonderful. May I recommend a device I have been using? Get radio stations to which you cannot travel to interview you by phone. It is easy and a low-cost show for them.

Had a nice phone call from a Dallas lawyer named Curtis E. Hill, P.O. Box 3015. "Now anything about him? He claims my book is not available in the stores supposedly selling it or in the library which got six copies more than a month ago and has already paid for them.

Our best to you both.

Sincerely,

P.S. Epstein has suddenly decided to take the stump. He assailed me on a radio program in Washington yesterday then refused to talk about it when I phoned in. He is to be on the Barry Gray show tomorrow night in New York with Kupferman, Sauvage and a lawyer named Broder. They invited me, but with the medical checkups I could make it only by flying, for which I cannot pay and they would not. The Kupferman thing looks like a Bantam promotion to me.