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Dear Penn,

With the return address of Box 226, Owasso, Okla., but no signature, I've gotten an absolutely fascinating clue to Nancy Rich's testimony that fits in with something I've already done. I presume it was someone's intent to be anonymous and I shall respect that. I also wonder if you may not have an idea who it is, and if you do it is none of my business.

The two things in the material that was sent me are the spelling of the name "Gaster" as Castorr (the Commission might have Heedelled this into a bastardization of Castro!). My informant says this Colonel lives at 4511 33rd St. North Alrlington, Va. This should be written as 4511 33rd. St. N, Arlington, Va. The Colonel is listed in the current phone book as "retired". She, or he, tells me the retired colonel is with the National Federation of Independent Businesses, Washington, D.C. The address of this group is the Washington Bldg., and the phone is 7373523.

There are several things that could be of great help to me, for, as I said, this fits in rather well with something I have already written. One is copies of the Dallas phone book, or at least the appropriate page, for the year 1963 and, if possible, subsequent and prior, showing this listing and, if possible, none for any other spelling of the name. Another, if you know it, is the address Nancy Perrin Rich gave or has, if any, for the place she visited. Or, a description.

It is first thing in the morning, and I'm not quite wide awake. Slept more than usual last night. Anuthing close to six hours or more, after all these recent years, leaves me a little thick-headed when I awaken. We're going to Washington today. Spoke to Mel Bailly early last week following a report from Sylvie that WNEW had asked Lloyd Weinreb to edit the tape. Bailly says the opposite, that this would never happen, and that they have offered to let the Commission people who declined to participate to audition the tape. It is possible they may have us to New York prior to airing. I hope so, for then we can meet again, and I'll tell you the entire story of the above and how well this might fit into what I have already written.

There will not be time to add much to what I have, but this I'd like, as I think you will. The sequel is in rough draft and I've read it through Part 1 (there are 3 parts, a prologue, conclusions and an Epilogue which I subtitle "A Personal Comment"). It runs longer than I had planned, about as long as WHITEWASH (even with the abandonment of pr work while I wrote sales have continued and now are past 13,000). A small publisher has an interest. I've made a few stipulations. If they are met I have a publisher. If they are not, I'll be looking for one while my wife prepares a single-spaced typescript for offset. We shall not wait, and when you see what I have I think you'll agree. Perhaps I'm overly impressed with what I have done, but I think this book does all that is necessary short of naming the assassins and their backers.

Forgive my Fog. A night's sleep befuddles and exhausts me. Sauvage was on WCAU Monday night. I was in Phila. to make a speech. They invited me to join Sauvage and I declined unless he specified he desired it, saying if he did I'd say only something nice and be silent. He desired otherwise, as he should have, so I didn't go there after my speech. I think I did some other good instead. I believe the time has come

for some of the major papers to be able to reconsider their positions. I have spoken to three, and I think all three will, in one form or another. One of these is in Phila., and I spent several hours that I think will bear fruit. Did you see the Donald Stanley story in the SF Examiner after I wrote him a long letter about his use of the word "extremist" to describe my writing? A very nice and prominent feature story from which I can already measure response.

Nothing else new and firm. Request for an option by a French publisher, referred to my London agent, the end of the drought here, too late to help anything but the water table, and a review in the Critib that says what difference does it make people get murdered all the time? I haven't seen this, just heard it. This was not done by their reviewer who interviewed me in early June and wanted his copy of the book autographed.

Best to you all.