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Dear Mr. Fox,

Please excuse my typing. It cannot be any better.

By reputation Partha Dodd was a nymphomaniac or close to it. The one story that after all these years I can definitely attribute to Sidney, who was a good friend, is that she was living with him in New York City and in effect left his bed to marry Stern. In effect puts it slightly misleadingly. She left his bed the ^{morning} ~~evening~~ she married Stern, he told me.

Whether or not connected with this, and I'm not certain but I believe not, he and Stern had some kind of disagreement with Sidney perhaps threatening to sue him or punch him and that was settled with Sidney's demand that Stern make a contribution to the Communist Party. I have no reason to believe that either Sidney or Stern was a member of the party but it may have been hurtful to Stern later because the FBI had the party that thoroughly penetrated. The joke of the era was that the FBI was keeping the party afloat financially with all the members' dues that it paid.

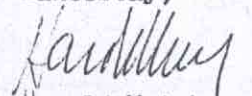
Mrs. Dodd's reputation was that when her father was ambassador to Germany she took to bed most of the high Nazis she could. Of course I have no confirmation of this but that was her reputation. I do remember hearing the names of some of those Nazis but do not now remember any of them.

I have a vague recollection of the Sterns fleeing. I do not recall if it was because of the Dies UnAmericans or not. If the UnAmericans interest you and you are ever near here I had my own experiences with them. Dies and Joe Stern's first-named me after I testified twice, never taking any fifth-amendment protection. If they ever published my testimony I have not heard of it. They framed me and I turned it around on them and got their agent charged with two felonies. Dies had to cop a plea for him publicly.

It was amazing. Those two terrible people would come up to me in the Capitol, put their arms around me, Stern's more than Dies, and smiling all the while actually first-named me.

There was a side to Sidney my wife and I never saw that Mrs. Weber told me about. It in fact surprised us. This business of his forcing Stern to make that contribution is all I remember that could be considered unsavory. We never knew him to have any interest in more than one woman at a time.

Sincerely,


Harold Weisberg

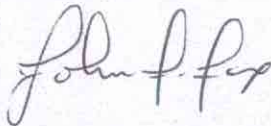
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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is John Fox. I am a Ph.D. candidate in American History at the University of New Hampshire. My dissertation research concerns the charges of espionage brought against Martha Dodd Stern and Alfred Kaufman Stern in 1957. I am writing you at the suggestion of Ms. Katherine Weber. Ms. Weber told me that you knew her father Sidney Kaufman and knew of certain relationships between him and Martha Dodd Stern. Ms. Weber was kind enough to say that she had no qualms about you divulging "personal and unsavory stories" about her father to me if you were willing to do so. If you would be willing to talk with me about the Sterns I would greatly appreciate any help that you might give me. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John F. Fox". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

John F. Fox