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Dear Ray,

Thinking further of your last evening's call I want to assure you that I have no question about Fonzi's ethics and know of no reason even to have any suspicions about them.

It happens that Jim Lear, who was my FOIA lawyer, had a copy of my Senator Russell Dissents article. He let Tony Summers read it. Sure enough Tony cribbed a little from it for his Vogue piece. That and other misuses is what I want to avoid. I did not want to imply that I think that way about Fonzi. I do not.

Moreover, if he had any idea where it might be published, I would welcome that.

When you bring your wife up you'll probably want to spend most of your time in Washington. If you have any problem making reservations once the tourist season opens, many people with business in Washington and who do not want to spend their nights there use the Frederick motels. During the rush season they also are sometimes filled up. If for that or for any other reason you'll want a Frederick Motel, I suggest that the Red Horse ^{at} on Patrick Street west and on the superhighway, is less costly, as convenient (unless you want breakfast before 7) and it is only 40 minutes from here.

I had a call from Marina Oswald Porter. She has reason to believe that Norman Mailer's coming book is a stinker. If you see anything in the papers down there about ~~it~~ it or for that matter about any other book, I'll appreciate a copy.

The one magazine to which I sent that article, the one that had just returned it after maybe a year, was The Washington Monthly. I doubt they even read it. I'd sent them the return postage with it, they were months responding to my several inquiries about it and then had said they could not find it. It was many months later when out of the blue it came, with no message, in an envelope with their return address.

You asked when I wrote it. My best recollection is early last year, as soon as I finished Case Open. Might have been in 1993, which was when I finished that book. I then sent it to Carroll & Graf in the hope they would try to place it in a magazine before Case Open appeared to draw attention to it. They never acknowledged even receipt of it and never returned that copy. Nice way to treat old folks neither of whom should stand for very long before a copier.

But then if they've gotten any letters from my three books they've published they have not forwarded a single one. Nor did they respond when I asked to know when they remainder Case Open so I can see if I can afford to get them and give them to Hood College, which will get all my books when we can handle them no longer. That can yield an income for students who do the packaging and for the library toward the maintenance of the archive. Thanks for your call. Glad you like the article and we look forward to meeting your wife.

Harold