

Dear Howard,

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Your 4/13 story on Lane and Folioff is what I'd heard before, attributed to Levin, perhaps, or from Jerry or both. I'm pretty sure Jerry did tell me. I have no trouble believing it. It does not bother me except as it could because Jerry had anything to do with so evil a work and sticking a person. When you read what Lane did with Jerry's Molden file you'll see for yourself. He tried to make Jerry say a hero with it.

He called me in advance of the Oltsans broadcast, as I now recall that was the morning of the 4th. I prepared him. All those things you at tribute to him I gave him for him to use even though he had said he'd decided not to do the show.

I did not know of the del-Spetain mutual hatred, if it is factual, but I told Jerry about the \$5,000 del got for that interview.

The Dallas reporting has been good. This time I've been getting it promptly.

What Jerry did with it, if it is as good as it could have been, has little meaning.

It reached fewer people than any news account in the print press. The people it reached are not people who can make any difference,

and it merely repeated what was printed.

If there is nothing wrong with this it also means little if anything.

What can be significant is missing in your account of his report to you what Lane and Oltsans said.

We will never know what pushed del that little bit too far.

Jerry has his own committee hangup. He has never been right about it or good in his writing about it or even fair in his appearances about it. Given these circumstances it is self-serving to lay the suicide on Spetain and on him alone.

and this is to say that he becomes more undependable.

Best,

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