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Mr. Steve Bell
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Dear Steve,

If you want to read the "actual" Gemstone file of which Larry Flynt spoke, let me know. To call it crazy is to praise it, it is that bad.

My copy is one that Flynt personally handed to a public official, who is a friend. When my friend did not assure Flynt that he would do something Flynt accused him of being part of a coverup.

It is a cheap and amateurish effort to exploit Watergate by melding as many of the nut assassination theories as a sick mind could.

Now what would be good, clean fun would be to interview Mark Lane, who is Flynt's top assassination honche, on the specifics of this crude "Gemstone."

Lane can't possibly endorse it.

The result might be a reduction in these miserable exploitations.

I remain in court on many FOIA cases, being stonewalled in all in which the judges will permit it. I've charged the CIA with money fraud for having extorted a large sum from me on King assassination records and having provided nothing except a few clippings. Yesterday my lawyer told me that the Government attorney had informed him that several hundred pages are coming. These will be from CIA and NSA but we have no indication of the contents. You are welcome to copies if you'd like them.

George Lardner told me that Morton Alperin has received some of the records I've been suing for for 2 1/2 years. I have no idea what he has except that it is political in nature or includes this. (Generally the Government prefers that first crack be by a non-subject expert, which leads to a highlight on an aspect and then oblivion.)

I mention these things in the even Jay is interested in them. now or for the future.

Best wishes,


Harold Weisberg