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Dear Jim,

Thanks for your letter. I have written Ms. Smolbuck.

Thanks for her too.

By accident yesterday I learned that the Livingstone book "is in the trucks," his words.

I have two seminars a year at Hood College. When the professor friend whose class it is came to pick Lil and me up he told us this story:

Several days ago, because he teaches a class on the politics of assassination, no nut stuff, no theories, he was phoned by a Baltimore Sun reporter. After the story ~~appeared~~ appeared, when Livingstone saw it, he phoned this professor just yesterday. He asked him about me, was told that he knows me, and Harry volunteered some things. One is that he is critical of the critics in general and the other is that some of what he had said about me had been taken out. As I think I indicated earlier, I had reason to believe that something like this had happened because the lawyer they hired for the libel reading told them to. I was also certain that if he had said in the book anything like what he wrote they'd look very foolish publishing anything by me.

I take this to possibly indicate that he was not compelled to agree to removing much if anything about what he wrote about others. I write so the others, particularly Harry, can be aware that the book will be on sale before the time Gary Mack told me he understood it would be, November 11. I take what Harry said about the books being on the trucks to mean they were being shipped to the stores. If this is true they may be on sale there before this reaches you. I hope that monster does not get to publish all that awful stuff he wrote about Harry and Buck.

If I remember correctly, the one name he mentioned other than mine is Lifton's, in the sense of being critical of him in the book.

Your saying that you are going to Florida for Thanksgiving reminds me of a story from a dear friend who has just returned from Israel and is about to go to his West Palm Beach condo for part of the winter. "He comes from where there is terrorism but he said nothing about that. He said he is going to where it is open-season on tourists." When he went there three years ago, in his own car, and drove immediately to a gas station to fill up, in broad daylight, he was shot by accident by the station owner resisting being robbed. What a change I've lived through! When I was eight years old in Philadelphia it was safe for me to walk a mile to the library and now kids are getting shot inside schools!

Thanks, and our best to you both,

Harold

Garland, Texas
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Dear Harold,

It was good to hear from you again, and I congratulate you and Lil on your recognition from Hood College.

We both hope Lil is feeling better by this time. And that Livingstone has not come gunning for you yet. We are doing just fine, this we can be thankful for. We will go to San Antonia to our daughters for Thanksgiving other than that no other trips planed at this time.


I have been unable to find any one with prints or negatives of the pictures you wanted except the Archives maintained by the City of Dallas. They tell me that they have all the negatives of the pictures taken by the Police Department. Of course they sell them and the price depends on how many you want. The young lady in charge of the Archives is,

Cindy Smolbuik (I think that is the way she spelled it) and the phone number is 214-670-5270 Address is 1500 Young st. Dallas, Texas 75202 Located in the Dallas City Hall.

I was not sure which pictures you had in mind, so you might want to call her. My understanding is that they have a catalogue of the pictures and will have the ones you want printed.

I hope this will help you.

Sincerely,


Jim Leavelle