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Dear Gary,

If Waybright was [^]fired, I've not heard of it. But I write about a very disquieting phone call from Peggy Adler [^]Robohm last evening. She seemed surprised when I told her you had information that Richard was to be fired.

In short, I believe this woman, who I've known to be bright, ~~wise~~, able and wise seems to have become a police buff and an adjunct of the Baltimore police internal investigation. One man I know, to be innocent that Peggy said had been to Dallas on all, but Harry's ^{and wasn't} last trip ^{David Saulburg,} may be fired. All she cares about is people getting fired. Not a damned thing about Livingstone and there is no indication of any police interest in his corrupting policemen or any other violation of law, of which his allegations and threats may be one. And when she has achieved her maximum success there will be the same old Harry with the same old tirades and perhaps more of a menace than now.

As a minor illustration, I asked her Saturday when she said she'd be phoning the detective, Adams on Monday, when I had to be away until close to noon, to have him phone you and perhaps Harrrs. She did not. Why? She didn't know your phone number! And didn't ask or tell me or Mary.

She had promised to send me a March outrageous letter Harry wrote Mary. She didn't, said she didn't, ^{promise to} and said she had to get Harry's permission all over again to give it to me.

There is much more for which I do not take your time or mine now but will tell you about if you'd like when we speak. Someone is due any minute and there will be people here all day tomorrow.

What I tell you now I'd prefer not to get spread around. I've told Mary and you can tell Gary if you'd like, but I'd like ^{and D. Perry} them not to bruit it about. I have enough trouble without more from Harry, who may be rather frustrated in addition to irrational when he is back ^{and} not much more than an hour from here.

When I finally got a copy of Harry's February letter to Mary I sent copies of ~~it~~ both to an old friend who is Carroll & Graf's lawyer. (But not in the Groden suit.) It turns out that Harry does have a contract and they agreed to it without a word on paper. Just on his words. The letters prompted the lawyer to tell them they have to read every word with extreme care and they appear to have given Harry to understand that the contract can be cancelled. I do not recall Crouch's exact words, from Harry to him.

This means that quietly, without any people innocent or guilty, suffering, it is not possible for Harry ~~to~~ to get his chapter on Mary published. It also means that there is little likelihood that his book will be from what he told me about it. ~~I~~ I think also they got the idea I tried to convey that there is malice. And that makes any suit a real problem to them. The letters tell them to expect suits. I'd already sent the one he wrote Shaw and an earlier one to me.

This is what I believe. What I know is that the lawyer is an old and cherished friend.

I think it is important that I be able to give him all that I can bearing on Harry's irrationality, malice and mendacity. So + hope you can find the time to copy the letters you told me about.

If any is to be confidential, please so indicate. If I can convey some of the contents if there is confidentiality, please indicate that.

I've also filed a complaint ~~with~~ the post office. I have notification~~s~~ it has been forwarded to the Baltimore office of the postal inspectors. I should have all I can to give them when they are in touch with me. If it just bears on what Harry is that can be helpful.

I ~~told~~ ^{wrote} Peggy that I'd take no initiatives but would, if asked, help the police in any way I can. Adams even had her making calls he should make. And her finances are poor.

She can have what she appears to cherish, something she can be in charge of.

To the extent that without talking to us she has started a search ~~for~~ for Connecticut lawyers to represent us in Maryland against Harry. How or for what I did not get told.

When I mentioned the fine lawyer Mark Crouch had used that would not do. ^{Had} to be someone who ^{knows} nothing at all about the case.

What can we sue for? Prior restraint?

Do you want to? I don't

Mary had the mistaken idea that Saulsbury was on all but the last Livingstone trip there and worked for him. I told her that was false, that he'd been on just the first and never worked for Harry, ^{or} ^{PELLY} ^{hide} no difference, she had to tell the police what I told her was untrue and let them decide. He can prove he is innocent, is what she said. So, this man who never worked for Harry and with us tried to talk ~~you~~ Richard into not doing it any more may now be fired on trumped up charges. And he is a fine man, our friend.

This is not the Peggy I thought I knew.

So, please, as soon as you can, let me have the letters you referred to and anything else you think can be useful with the postal inspectors and in informing C & G's lawyer about Harry and his untruthfulness and his malice, if and when that seems to be indicated.

If Marrs will do it I think that a dub of the answering-machine tape and an account of the children hearing it could have some impact, either now if ^{either of} you think that C & G should hear it now or later if and when a need arises.

What a mess and what a way to have to waste time. Only not wasting it is ^worse. I do think that I've had some success already. I am certain that Harry can't make good on his threat to ^harry at the least.

Best,

Harry