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Las Sylvia,
A short while ago I retune from washington feeling unwell, under sedation, hardy able to walk straight, and so far fest tired I con hardly walk at sill. it hod been my plant to rest a few hours prior to some things I must do tonight - and it has bern so long since I even thought of taking a nope I found in twa anil your letter of February 5 and to everything else found the burden of dismay and frustration added.

Some years ego when I raised chickens, there were occasions on whim they were subjected to stresses they could not endure. As a consequence some were killed, some damaged in other ways, end some just badly torn. It was rare that a torn ch chen survived, Usually the others destroyed them. As time went on + learned to cope with this. Then, es a consequence of my own original investigations and methods I was able to come close to eliminating the cannibalism from the flock, I found one problem I could not overcome: self- destruction. Those domed fool hens would aten there and eat themselves, Just pick amoy et their injuries until they killed themselves.

Towing your passion, your seriousness, your dedicetion, i presume you will not welcome this, yet in honesty to you, sa I slumped lower and low or into the chair as I read your tirade, this futility of the henhouse returned. to me.

Your letter appears not to have been intended for me as much as for an excuse to give what you wanted to say wide distribution. I an dismayed the you mould do this without consultation th me, for there ore, whether it through y ur all consuming hatred dawned on you or not, certain things i did not want advertised and did not myself call to public or general at mention. Is there nothing left for you but hatred? fire it become so vital that it blocks any
 Cen you not see now that, whether or not it we your intent - and I have no doubt it was not - you have violated my confidence?

It is precisely because of the quite principled thing you did in phoning $B_{\text {hd }}$, as you recount in your third paragraph, that I got in touch pith you, for own respect for your work you know, your position I well low, and this gesture on your pert, without meaning any other way, for there as nothing you could do for Bud the he could use, wee significant end important precisely because it mes motivated by principle and nothing else. It aude me hope wo
 gain, inform sech other. Te apo have como objectives, beliefs, principles and can help whet ax ail want by helping each other.

Many times during our conversations I reminded you I spoke to you In confidence. So, $8 s$ soon as I do not tace the tine I do not have to mri te you a covering letter nit is whet I sent you, you start writing everyone, I do not know tho bl. I do know the these to whom you sold you send copies are two to whom I did not, for I sent copies to but three people.

Dear yivis, please find a motive other then hate, pleantry end have something to coy beside "I hate Garrison". You heve every right to hate him, every right to proclaim it, but is there no ond'f five you nothing else to say? Baa it nev or domed on you that there cen be (and I agsureit you there are) unsay things of which you have no knoladge your intemperance con ruin, things you would tot want to in on way impede?
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We are noither of us childron, It dismays me to arite a chiding letter fizx to you. If I did not continue to heve a high regerd for you, for whet you heve done, for what hope end belleve you will yet do, I would not Write you at all. I mould ignore thox metter and be silent, Please try and understand thet this unplessant letter is an expression of friendsinp end do, please, try and consider what I say as diapossionately as it is given to g peseionete person so pessionstely involved. Iou deren yonself with such lotters, for you send them to people who know what you do not and cennot tell you, xand you eannot but make them wonder about you. I do not want to dwell on tifg further. Wen the in ediate motters have possed, I will at whatever length you went. But until then, please, Sylvie, do losrn to express somethine but the endless repetition $t-$ which you add nothing. You mey very well sccomplish whet is the lest thing you would went.

There are some errors of fact I do feel I should com unicate to you. Whatever happens, it will not be true that "such a deapult mould constitute a gift firxtise sndxss triumph for the Tarren Comiseion, the sutopsy surgeons, and the panel..." or the ther fomulation,"...nothing less then a disester...". It mould be very bad, but less than this. head your worde gegin. It is only to the past thet you sadress yourself, to the disembodied. No boon to the assessins, to the government? To those who today derive benefit?

It is true that your position has not deviated since April 1967, but it is not true that this is "vindication". You know my feelings about tiis, but there are fectors involved I did not go into with you that you apparently did not detect on your own. They erepreal to others than you and me, for they do not relate to us. You just heven t thought about this.
"There is the immediste prospect of enother Miscarrisge of justice and another sacrifice of an invocent men", you say. I feel it is not ssidnct too meuh of you to give me your proof of Shew s innocence. I heve told you repestedy, going back to out last and very unpleasant meeting in the UN cafeteris the sumner of 1967, thot there are things I know thet I could not aay. Is it more then clairvoyance that tells you the sccused 1 s innocent? Tnere is an enormous mount of knorledge not indeeted in the 26 volumes, a vest omount that i have gotten on my awn, independent of Garrison, much he will not use, some of which he doens't know. I teld you then and I now repeat, I heve the most subtanatial reason for believing Shaw and Bertrand are one, as Clark, in an unguarded moment, with Wie information coaing from only the FBI, said. I know absolutely thet there vas and wos suppressed on investigation of shaw, by the FBI, end I have some of those who were part of it voluntarily on tape so ststing. In know of not just interview reports but signed stetements. There was more then one investigetion, snd I know about the earlier one. I know what Andrews told me and I cannot now tell you but will when the triel is over. And som many, many other things of whith you heve no glimmer.

Fesd you conclueine question intended as other than a question. The enswer is not what you expect. It is affimative. I heve a concern you do not have, thet thinge have resched a state where for justice to be done the guilty may have to be acquitted. It worries me, as L hope it might you. You speak not only of shaw. I tell you elso that, when the Thompley matter is over, I will give you eccess to what probably will not be part of any proceeding but will shake you up a Iittle. Sylvio, 1 showe my trust in you by inviting you here to soe my unpublished moteriel. I hsve done that with very few. I do not withdraw that offer now. I have not choned my opinion of your brilliance, your sincerity, your genuineness - not of eny of your rare gifts and sttributes. I beg you only as a friend to be less of a leming, les the c esture of unbridled hete sha now thet thirgse ere in court, to control yourself a til there is o judicial determinetion. If there is no einuce you csn do sny good, plesse forgo the possibility of doincharm. Please, whan the trial is over, come hers for a weakend and let me tell you some of the IV. O. thinas I develonaf mvante.

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Nhere is enother sapect of which - muet tell you an thon + must Ith what you kno: I think you cennot bogin to understen. the corvuption of the other sice, the despicable talucs tiot heve been done agoinst Garrison Which cannot in any way relete to any excesces on his part and predete any stetements by him of which i have kiowledge. Tis je are so meny vile thinge althenticated, of the p at and of the present. There is no question obout the offerine of large sums of money shd other considerations, some of those aporoached have tolc me about then in datail, on tbpe, en then had such pressures applied they hadxto sccept. I fully ex rect severel will not survive, not live to beer witnese.

In saying "against Garrison" lx am saying against o iree and fair trial. That msy heve alrea by been rendered impossible. You connot begin to imseine mhat has happense in part of the judiciery. I tell you of whet 1 know, hot of what Gurrison has told me - Ior he has not. hon + properly can, if you mant, I will tell you this.

Sylvis, it is no longer enough to hat Garrisen, which I cen understond, and it is not const uetive. To say, es you do, "Hie is a bad man" is not proor that the facta are ogainst him in the present case. I have doubts about what can be edduced in ppen court, tut not aboutiothe fects.

Vince phoned me night before last to tell me that he had nothing to do With the insel decision (snd you mistake th sense in which I told you he hed power) but that had he been consulted, he would heve edvised the course taken. fow, emphesizing again that Imaddres you in confidence, I later learned that he had not been informed, that the decision hau againx been changed. I tell you that as of today the hearing will be on the l4the, that recht end Formen will be witnessos, and please be silent. You know how I feel about the essentielity of the hesringh phet you do not know is that here is a legitimacy to a contrary View in Nev Orleans, not New York, or Maryland, or Pittaburg, or Madison, or Philadelphia. There is a defense of the other view that nevor dewned on Vince.

I an not able to read and correct this. I hope the typographical ercors ere not of tio kind that widl meke underatending inpossible, and that you will try and penetrate any fuzzinese of expression that might be attributed to my extrame fatigue. It is such that if I did not feel of you as I do I would not have written.

