

1/3/98

Dear Bill,

We are not insulted by Charles' return of the check. We hope that he is not. That was Lil's concern, one of the reasons it took so long to decide. She said, correctly, that one does not pay for acts of friendship. My thinking was that I wanted a little, no matter how little, to go with my word, sort of to indicate that I meant it. As of course we both do. This has been real help to ^{us} it, meaningful help, and Charles was important in that.

We will be glad to get the O in NOs and to get those backorders sent out. Not that many but we try to be prompt and those people have the interest.

I am in chapter 11 of Faking Kennedy: The Dark Side of Sy Hersh. I hope I'm getting close to the end. Absent a development I now cannot anticipate it will be the rough draft that finally makes its way around.

I think you have the Newman ms. Dave Wrono is retyping the epilogue I wrote for it. He is doing that as a separate book. He thought it should be that, it was so long since I'd written it I had no clear recollection, and I trust his judgement. There has been so much I can no longer separate what I can remember!

With editing there should be a market for this book about Hersh and his. The prejudice against the assassination in books is not relevant because there is ^o nothing like that in his book, or in what I'm doing.

His is as dish ^{onest}onest a book as I can remember and the dishonesty is intended, the purpose being to make him money by appeal to that market. It is making him that money but those who sell their bodies are less ^mimoral. But I have no agent and no publisher and I'm not up to that search again now. I'll just continue making a record for our history.

I hope Charles understands that we intended no insult, that we do very much appreciate all he has done with the rest of you.

It is 2:30 in the afternoon ~~and~~ and the temperature is 50! With snow on the ground from a few days ago when it was about 10, with strong, cold winds.

Many thanks to you all and we hope we all, which includes all of you, have a fine year.

Sincerely,

Harold

12-31-97

2:10 pm

DEAR HAROLD

ENCLOSED FIND YOUR CHECK FOR 100⁰⁰ OF WHICH YOU SENT CHARLES. CHARLES HAS ASKED ME TO RETURN IT TO YOU. HE HOPES THIS WILL NOT INSULT YOU. BUT AS I HAVE TOLD YOU WE ARE GLAD TO BE OF HELP. JUST KNOWING YOU & BEING YOUR FRIEND IS ENOUGH FOR ALL OF US. CHARLES SAID THANKS FOR THE THOUGH BUT HE COULD NOT TAKE MONEY FROM YOU. CHARLES HOPES YOU UNDERSTAND AND THAT HE HAS NOT HURT YOUR FEELINGS ALSO OSWALDS ON THERE WAY BY TUES OR WED HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR

XOUL FRIENDS

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