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Dear Nich,
$I_{n}$ tile wast ysar i hevo written Ceorge at lesat 6-8 times without responee. Unce 1 phoned him (not home), once the phoned me, sfter the New nrleens fissco, to bek questione ond promise what he has not done. Two tinings impel me to write you now, when ${ }^{+}$hove a few minutes, for writing you hag been on my mind for a week and a hislf.

Thegond news first: Bradiey will not press his suit sgainet youthepeople or the comittee. Hehes been here to see me, we heve whnt believe is a good relstionship, onal + em now sstisfied he will not press his suits egainst several, of thom you (plurel) are part. 1 belleve he also will not push againgt fenn. The difference is that in your cese I was able to persuade him that I can provide you with the required, substentisl defense egeinst the legal necessity on his part, of proving malicicus intent. I do not mazeitxwhon know whether you recall it, but when 1 was esked ebout him, when 1 epperred under your suspicies, $\perp$ freely seid $\perp$ had no resson to believe ae wes in eny way connected with the assossination. Thus, you geve both sides, thd he cennot prove thelice.

Sorry the ribbon on this ancient machine has decided to atick with the first white frost, ineking my bad typing worse then its usual bad.

In the case of lonn, who is by neture a fine person but who long ogo crosed the line into persnois end has cone and continues to do strange thinge, I wes eble to persusde Bradley on a different bsais: his chsnces of collection are slight becsuse Tenn has no money of his own and the size of any possible award cennot possibly be worth the cost end effort beceuse dameges will be messured in terms of circuletion, ma lenn's peper, including freebees, is in the neibhborhood of only 800 .

If ho shows any 31 gn s of pressing his cose ogainst you, please let me know immedistely. I think he will concentrate on those of meenge and I think he hes a good chence of succese, for there is little doubt he was wronged. There hes bean so much sycophency, so much irresponeibility - and it tekes so much time trying to diminish the consequences ond clean up behind them.

When $I$ phone $\quad$ ialvins and when 1 lest wrote Gcorge, Internel Revenue had begun a full field audit of me. There need be nothing sinister about this end $I$ do not belleve it is connected with the work have been doing. Now there has been a strange ond rather long interruption in it, and again I do not suegest or believe it need be or is in eny wey sinicter. They have lost pert of their copiea of the files on me. This does heppen, end 1 believe the euditor who has given methis explenstion when $I$ ssked him to finish the job.

I am without epprehension sbout the outcome, for our books are in good shepe and they are honest. There mey be some problems from whet may not be usuel, and here you figure in it. Che of tae thinge he decided to spot check is the cost and return from my trip under your suspicies. it is here that he stopped work. He says he will be back when his people have found the lost files (I can imegine them heving been borrowed by snother agency). They will not make sense to him , despite the inordinately low expensea on that trip. The reason: the return does not cover even the eir fare. I am eware of the problem you people ran into. However, you did assure ma in advance that I would get ell my expensea back and enough of an honorarium to cover the expenses of the side trips I would make with this as a base (perheps sometime I will be oble to tell you how extraordinarily important these were).

George told me thet when you could you'd meke up the rest. By phone he said he wes sending me $\$ 100$ on $t h i s$. When 1 never got it, I wrote him ubout it, one of the imediate possibilities being thet the letter with the check got lost in the mails. Thet was not less then eix months ago. Not only do we urgently need thia money, for we remain, as we have besn all these years, withnit income, end our indebtedness is in the erea of $\$ 40,000$, but at this perticular juncture it would look food for our books to be more comprehensible to the federsl auditor. SHould he decided to check ell my other Califorife trips, he will find this true of ell of them. In not one cese did + get even thepromised return of my expenses, snd when the smell honoraris were edded, the disbslonce is sbout $\$ 1,000$. 1 hed mede this claer to George rinis he first apose to me. It is the only such case, of all the places + have gone, und it is bound to stir a suspicious mind, no metter how true and legitimate. I do hope you will tske care of this, ond soon. A year is a long time, with the best of intentions.

While I em writing so long a letter, let me bring you up to date onxtarem other thinge (not for publication). As George knew, 1 had done three more bonks by this past xinter. Since then, 1 heve completed a quarter of a million word study of the Rey/hing case. The chances of commerciel publicstion ere nove slicht. Two of the books sre on the sutopsy and whet relates, end the third on this sspect is researched und will soon, $\perp$ hope, be $x$ ritten. I cennot exnggerste the ultimste significance of what + now have in my possession. Hopefully, I will heve some espects of it in court soon. I have some of whet wes thought destroyed, receipts for the destruction of other things, e feir smount of the suppressed evidence, etc.

Then 1 was tbere, thad begun to get ill. George's neceasarily hasty diogtosis of a minor menifestation was in error. -t wes out of his field and I am "ithout criticism of him for it. When I got to $\% .0$. I did eet a correct disgnosis and temporary trestment. liowever, on another nspect, I also blecked out temporarily, and in the course of felling, demolished a harpsichere ond sustained a lingerine and probebly permenent injury. A stete of enxiety bas set in. it is not essy to cope rith, paricularly with the pressing financiel problems, which of ect our lives and ray work. owever, my work continues, ot alower_pece une of the costs is not taking time to correct my awful typing, for which, 日pologize.

Among the books $\perp$ have researched is GENT CSHALD. When 1 emplete the autopsy work, I will return to it. I hove enough now, but 1 hope to develop still maore material on the subject. The "Folse "gwsld" port is perticularly rich, from personal Investigations in New urleans. A trip to Dalles (st the end of my trip to Sen Diego) wes quite fruitful. Surprisine who tolked to me ond beceme friends. And made it possible!

George, who stayed too busy and now, from Bredley's account, hes addithonel personal problems, never did onything he promised. "hen inwas there he showed me part of Lifton's unending campaign ogeinst me. te promised the copies but has
supplied them. They are, wi thout excoption, false, and in glmost every ease are both contrived and thex oprosite of truth- to his knowlodge. He erranged the concellation of the Receda debate with Liebeler, for whetever purpose and from whatever motive is in his aick mind (the best cherscterizetion the record justifiea). He hes been more circumspect since thon, but has not ceased. Once, when greeted with eilence, he got a little overconfldent snd chellenged Gary Schoener (Box 392, Nayo Hospitel. Univ. Minnesote, Minnespolis), to confront me with his libels, never dreaming Cary would. I supplied Gary with overwhelming and irrefutable disproof of all of it. Dave has been silent to Gery ebout this, but not to others, for reports still reach me, ete. He is up to and haa accomplished no eood. I would like to be in a position to address mysolf to all of his manufactures and I would like as complete as possible a record of them for my files. So, I ask you for this fitth, if you ere in $n$ position to supply it. If you have eny doubt of my representation, 1 invite you to consult with Gery, who not only asked me for whet 1 had but elso confront those who are in this with Deve, from whet I bad sent thim irom my files of relstions and dealings with them. You have some very strange people in California.

After and a little before the New nrleens fissco, I tried to background George, as, you should recsll, I tried to propere all of you for whet by then I regarded es the inevitable. 1 do not know hov ruch of this be communicated to the rest of you, how much of it he bolievec or believes. However, there now is a remote chance I will be not too far from Sen Diego. If and when this happens, let me know if you'd like to get together, and I'll arrange it. I heve the invitetion. The problem is money. Ihis time I'm not leevinguntil 1 heve the getual cost in advance.

Has Pouldy turned off/beon turned off entirely? I think, if he hiss not entirely loat his interest, he would like to see whet 1 heve on the medical parts of the etory. George never responded when 1 raised thig with him. 1 do not now recall Whe ther I wrote auley cirectly. I would like to know becsuce there is only so much 1 cen carry with me, val if I do get out there, I'd bring some of it to show him.
${ }^{\text {Niky }} \mathrm{y}$ best to sll of you, especielly Diene, whe was so very pleasent oll the time.

Sincerely,

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