

Dear Clay,

9/16/98

That this is a brand new ribbon illustration why some of the typing is as pale as it is. The last one did not last the time it took to do the ms that I'm sending without the conclusions or title and with the probability there may be some adds necessary to the Preface. I finished it yesterday and this is a tied-up week. If Lil is up in time for me to go to where I get the xeroxing done by the time they open and if they have ~~the~~ rush job it is possible I can get it copied today and mailed tomorrow. If I can't do that getting it done may take a little time because I'll <sup>have to</sup> be waiting there while they do the xeroxing. Lil has physical therapy at 9:30 and that will take the rest of the morning. McKnight is coming to ask questions and to work this afternoon. I've the first appointment at the dealership tomorrow morning for grease and lube and a check on the brakes and ~~maybe~~ <sup>auto</sup> a brake job. <sup>Friday</sup> I have medical lab work and then Lil's p.t. again. So I hope she is up by no later than 6:30, an hour and a half from now, so I can be there when they open at 7. I'm not up to any amount of xeroxing now and I also think it has come to where that should not take much of my time.

But I had to come as close to finishing this as is now possible before getting to Posner and that disturbed me for the two days since I got a letter from a friend who says he'll read it and see if any publisher he knows can get interested. More on this later.

And there are other things I've let slide. Now I have to squeeze them in, if I can get to all of them. I'll send you copies of what <sup>is</sup> interest you.

I did not open the Whoring with the corrections post so I did not <sup>see</sup> you 9/7 letter enclosed until just before bedtime last evening.

Changing the font was a good idea because I was having trouble identifying some letters but it will mean more time as I check and turn pages.

I have a chicken-shit non-response of an inappropriate form letter from the DJ civil division and that is one thing I can't let slip because there must be a record again of their being in notice that they are off on a deliberate whitewash. Which is to say, still another.

I think I've read all you've sent from the internet but my memory <sup>has</sup> failed so I can be certain. I'll take what you ask up with Jerry this afternoon. The John Ray you quote from the internet, if not an assumed name, cannot be the Ray brother. I know him well.

If the Sprague about whom you asked me is the one I knew, and I think he died some time ago, he was a v.p. of Touche, Bailey then, high on computers and the inventor of some of the most damaging assassination fictions while being as nice a guy as you'd like to know. I turned him on in 1966 when I was on a New York

talk show. He asked me what he could do to help because as he travelled the country he might be in the right place to do some work. I suggested that when in Dallas he try to locate pictures and having learned about the Dallas Cinema Associates I gave him the names and addresses and suggested that he start there. He did and he did it well and then he recognized no limit. He decided that Fensterwald was a CIA agent, for example, and then he was, if not the first, one of the first to make a massive digression and diversion about <sup>these</sup> that "tramp" pictures. He is the one who gave the smallest the nickname "Frenchy" and as fast as I knocked on of his baseless inventions down he had another. But a real nice guy. Lil and I both liked him very much. It may be that I remember wrong because you say that what is going around now is with his permission.

Yes, I have a book-length ms on the Prouty matter. He, alas, knows nothing, really, about the established assassination fact but ~~this~~ thinking for which he could provide no basis may not be that far off. He also is a nice guy and we both like him. He now seems to be aligned with the most extreme of the right and the leading backer of there was no holocaust in the country.

Thanks for the good wishes but Lil is not doing well. Her leg continues to pain and while the p.t., which is difficult for her, eases it for a short while, by evening ~~that~~ it is back and I fear it may cause a fall. Which could be very bad for her.

<sup>Me</sup> After of fact, the pain got her up, she can move if not all that well, and I'll see if I can get the xeroxing of the untitled ms done when they open at 7.

Thanks and best,

*Hardy*