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Dear Marina,

The other side of this sheet, an extra copy made by mistake, is one of the FBI records I have on him. It reflects that he was an informant for the FBI on his own initiative. The Los Angeles FBI, to which he informed, shortly ^{after this} sent headquarters a longer memo that adds more of his nastiness. This includes his telling the FBI that you and Ruth Paine had a lesbian relationship and that "he and Michael also had a homosexual relationship. To call Schiller a slime is to defame sewers.

As you probably know, he is Mailer's "associate," Mailer's description in Oswald's Tales that I understand is to be in the stores about the middle of May. I'm writing a book about their book and about them. I've about the 20,000 words of the Mailer part in rough draft and ^{I've} begun the attention I'll give Schiller. Writing about the above records and others in which Schiller is a stoolie I was reminded that when for some reason not consistent with what he had been saying for years Mailer was chosen to be the keynote speaker at ASK he held forth on Lee's alleged homosexuality. If you know anyone there who has a copy of Mailer's remarks or notes on them I'd like very much to have a copy. I've already referred to this in what I've written but when I get into the book I have some things to add and I could use it then.

I do not know if you have read Oswald in New Orleans but in it I have the testimony of his Marine mates denying that Lee was that way when faced with the opportunity.

If there is anything along this line you have and can send me of course I'll appreciate that as I will whatever you may want to say about the Mailer interview and if Schiller ever contacted you and if he did, about what.

You may want to ^{prepare} yourself for being questioned when the book appears. One way would be to compare ~~Mailer's~~ Mailer's way of making money unfavorably with those who seal their bodies. If you do this or anything like it I suggest that you be brief so you can be quoted without being misquoted when it might be shortened or *paraphrased*.

You can also compare Mailer unfavorably with Lee. You can say you understand that about 40 years ago Mailer stabbed his first of his many wives and that Lee never stabbed you. I am not clear in my recollection but he used a knife and cut her up. I'm hoping to get a news story on it. *He was charged.*

I can think of no way Mailer can respond to these two things and he is more likely to be really hurt by open contempt. When he gets that way he can say what he later has reason to regret.

I think his book will do poorly. There is nothing to it and it has already gotten a rare unfavorable review in Publishers Weekly. They usually try to help sell books.

Best wishes,
Harold Weisberg



thing like this
 You can do the same with Schiller referring to him as "That FBI stoolie!"

You can also refer to him as a ghoul who commercializes death and other tragedies and as a purveyor of women's pubic ~~hair~~ hair. He did the latter for Playboy when it had never been done before, he did it with Marilyn ~~Monroe~~ with Mailer his "associate" when Schiller commercialized her.

If you want to defend Lee from them you can be contemptuous and refer to them saying "One cuts women up and ~~the~~ other sells their nudity. Where do they get off criticizing anyone else, Lee included?"

I have the impression that neither is popular with the media and if you were to say anything like what I've suggested, especially if in response to a reporter's questioning, it may well get attention and discourage sales of their trash.

If you are not familiar with the word, "ghoul" means a spirit that robs graves.

In a sense Schiller is worse than that. He steals people's reputations.

When I get to Mailer's book, of which I know enough already, I'll be ridiculing him as he has never been ridiculed before. If it gets any attention it will make a spectacle of him, a ^{as} laughingstock. He is less impervious than Schiller, who is not used to be described for what he really is.