

Dear Jim, *Legu*

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Mrs. Pomerance phoned me yesterday as soon as she got my letter. At first she seemed a little offended and defensive, until she understood that I did not have personal criticism in mind, that my concern was over the destruction of credibility. I think she came to understand that credibility is being destroyed and that motive is not relevant and result is.

She was defensive about AIB. How or did I know she was connected with them? I said I had no information and wasn't suggesting it but was using them as an example of what I mean because they are effectively doing the work of the Department of Disinformation.

It is conspicuous that she did not mention Bud's name. I didn't either. I used the representation of the Gonzalez resolution I'd received in the San Antonio talk show, with the built-in conclusion that the CIA was involved in these political assassinations. I think she understood that building in the conclusions is what the Warren Commission did on the other side and that Gonzalez' doing it will turn off the responsible members and diminish the possibilities of other resolutions having a chance.

She volunteered that she had learned that Charach's personal character is not good. I've forgotten what the complaint was but he is not a nice guy. I told her merely that when I had one call from him I knew I wanted no more to do with him.

There was a point where I said that at the risk of sounding excessively egotistical honesty impelled me to say something. I don't think she was aware of the dirty laugh with which she interrupted. It lasted. So, a clear enough reading on that score on what she's been fed.

I never talked about how she spent her money. I did in generalities say that those providing money usually had no means of knowing whether, or not it would be used counter-productively. She then said she had helped you, which I'd forgotten. This is the one way she mentioned spending her money. So, be proud!

If the financial support for nuts can be reduced, so can the harm. I don't know if it was worth the time, but I felt I had to take it. That awful stuff so like Bud's ravings rubs off on all of us.