

Dear Howard,

2.1.77

Relet 27: an autopen materials suit you will file, no, by all means if you prefer to do it yourself please do. I have no personal interest in being in it and as I now recall made the offer on the chance it could help you. I had no clear recollection now, which now also happens to often I guess from all I'm trying to do in addition to the more usual causes. This is also true to the reference to McDonald.

Same for 1359. In time I'll be getting at it in a different way.

It is not apparent that Happer was merely playing dirty tricks. I have not received the book. Their course of conduct is consistent with anxiety to bring the book out without an effect to get an injunction against it. You have my last letter to them on it. I am sure there will now be a suit over this, easier for us because they do business in Maryland at the first city west of here, a half-hour drive. In their case they and Playboy were on notice, Playboy did pay for admitted plagiarism and I think the case is as solid as one of these can be. It will be a "fair use" defense and the number of cases of uncited quotation and wrong-cited uses to avoid fairness should make an interesting in-court situation.

I am getting the SatEvePost piece and if I do will send you a copy. It is also in my files. I wrote much on confidence about it many years ago when more came my way from a source I had to protect, a graduate student I was helping.

For the most part JL does get the Times. He sometimes does not get up until they are sold out or he has no time to get one. Don't worry about making copies but the Phila papers do help.

Pedro Gutierrez Valencia: these names tend to fuse in my recollections. He is the D of before and after the Schweiker report, the fabricator who claimed to have seen Oswald at the Cuban embassy MxCy receiving the money to off JFK. We write LBJ about it. There is a draft memo of 4/1 and one of 3/26 that I have. I do not recall whether I have the CDs but I do not under Gutierrez of one other name I associate, Ugarte. This could be under other subjects, like that used by Coleman/Slawson, LHI's foreign travels. Thanks for the copy of the Walthers report on the crap fed Andersen. I may need to see some more. But if you think the time was wasted, note there has been no more of this propaganda, there, I mean. There will be but it has been slowed.

I'll check the rest with care when I can. Thanks for it all.

The rigors of the weather have meant less to us that to most except that by preventing my regular walking it has added weight to me that has become a real problem. Our normal winter routine was to keep the house temperature lower than is now beseeched. It is rare when I have the thermostat above 62 daytimes. It goes back to 55 nights. It stays there until a half-hour before I awaken. The house is still so dry our noses have bloody discharges in the a.m. Any moment I expect someone to cut firewood on shares. I've had little and I've held it for an emergency. In case the lines go out, etc. And to cope with that I've splurged on a CB outfit. Tried it for the first time last night. Inside the house and by accident on the low-power setting it was audible in the car of the friend who takes me to and from Washington. My only interest is in reaching the local REACT posts, State police and sheriff. I'll test that with them when I can. I will be putting up an aerial. Rather another friend who directed me to this set said I should and he'd do it. But I want to be sure that in a real real emergency I can get out with the hand-held rig and indications are this one will do it. I estimate that I have a 4-6 day supply of firewood behind the swimming pool from before I get sick and 1-2 days beside small stuff at the house so we are not without some protection against a fuel outage. And we use so much less of that we'll always have a half-tank if they have to suspend deliveries. The house is well stocked with staples. And I'll never run out of work to keep me busy. It adds up to we are okay under right circumstances, thanks to you both. ...I will want something done if you'll have time. I'll know this weekend if I can get a recent college grad to do it. I'd like a list of every allegation in the Ray/King case, divided into relevant and irrelevant, for a dramatic use in the new book. I'll write further either way. Thanks and best,

1/27/77

Dear Harold,

I write in haste.

On us going co-plaintiff in my now-likely suit re autopsy materials, I would prefer to go it alone to the extent that I am the sole plaintiff. If you would like me to include in the suit materials relevant to the clothing, then I'll begin laying the foundation by making appropriate requests. Currently, I plan to file in March, after I graduate, when I will have time and will need to visit Jacksonville, where fed ct is, on other business.

I would also be willing to sue on 1359 and bugging transcripts.

As for the McKinney-Harper & Row matter, I am quite interested and would like to go over the proofs. The question is one of time. There is now a chance I may have time before quarter ends, depending on what other work comes through at my (paying) job here. At any rate, I would surely do it after I graduate, mid-March. If the book is out by then, I can just use that. From your letters, it does not appear that you will be able to stop publication--or so I surmise. Still possible, of course, to sue for damages.

On MacDonald and the research you request, Duane or I could probably do this. You give some info and suggest that there is other to be sent. If so, do send.

The suggestion that Anderson's Mr. X comes from a Hoch piece in SEP is interesting. I do not have that piece, but would like a copy.

Also, who is Pedro Gutierrez Valencia? Do you have 4/1/64 Coleman/Slawson memo on him and related CD's?

Finally, I know that JL gets the NYTimes, and I assume he gives you copies of relevant clippings, esp. House comm. If not, tell me, for I have not been sending you copies for that reason--unless of things I thought JL might miss. I do send all I get from Phila. papers.

Sorry to be so terse. I hope you and Lil are well and coping with the awful winter which, as you know, has changed the character of Florida--although still not as bad as the normal winters up north. Duane sends his best.

Howard