

Dear Karen and Mary,

12/29/76

Great that Mary has a job and that between you you can do what I asked. Let me know what if anything you need. If you do not have the books I presume the library does.

I think I suggested code identifications on the cards. If not, ask.

It occurs to me that if you can both work on it you may have time to type the finished job. This would further reduce FBI excuses in that they could have more than one person consulting the index if they could xerox it.

The same codes could be used on the consolidated index when typed.

Gradually I am acquiring many, many pages, at a rate of more than 500 a week. But the obliterations do make a problem. This can help reduce them and it can certainly reduce the frivolous, harassing obliterations. Not all. They even mask the name Ray.

If you will not be able to type and proofread the cards onto 8 1/2 x 11 paper please let me know. If you can it would be better to send that first, holding the card back until I have received the typed sheet.

It is wonderful that when Mary did get a job it is one in which she can be helpful to people in need and generally ignored people.

Your experience of doing the kind of work you did under time pressures has probably taught you much.

If I was not explicit enough in the earlier letter on what books we want the indexes carded from and how to identify each on the cards you make from memory I'll go over it again. Gerold Frank's An American Death, preferably hardback but if not the Bantam paperback. Wm Bradford Huie's He Slew the Dreamer (Delacorte, no paperback). George McMillan, The Making of an Assassin, current, Little, Brown, hardback only. Jim Bishop, my copy gone, I think The Day King Died, available both hard and paperback.

I think I gave you ~~with~~ suggestions for code identifications. Just so that they do not confuse with the initials of my books, you will do. Either the initials of the authors or of the books. Clay Blair's is unindexed and is not ~~with~~ worth indexing.

Some of the tapes and clips you sent assuming more importance.

You are both wonderful. Thanks, and may you all have a good year,

sincerely,

12/27/76

Dear Harold,

I talked to Mary & she said she would be glad to work on the indexes. Somehow, we met the deadline on our document production, so I won't be working overtime again for at least several weeks. That gives me some free time in which I can help Mary with the cards or do whatever else you'd like me to do. Just because I'm working, don't hesitate to ask me to do something. For the most part, my evenings & weekends are free.

You'll be happy to know that Mary has also joined the ranks of the employed. She got a job as a teacher & house mother at a home for retarded children. She's really excited because that's what she wanted to do. Her job provides a good bit of free time also, so between the ~~two~~^{two} of us we should have no problem with the indexes. Just let me know exactly what you want done.

Best,
Karen