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Dear Gary,

Congratulations on your success at Cornell.

You are incorrect in suggesting that I was in any way responsible for Harold's incurring \$200. of unreimbursed expenses with Garrison's office. Harold spoke to me about these expenses the last time we went to New Orleans. They had been incurred prior to that time. Harold at that time was claiming several hundred dollars. Lou Ivon admitted a couple of hundred dollars was owed, and that it would be paid when they had the money.

Harold asked me to try to prompt the office to pay the money. I made inquiries then on that trip and later when I went down for the trial. The trip which Harold accompanied me on, he invited himself on. He was not welcomed by Garrison and his staff. I assumed the expenses of this trip. You make the statement, "But in any event, from what both you and he have told me, you and others assured him that his expenses would be taken care of." This statement seems to convey the thought that Harold incurred the expenses relying on my representations. This is flatly wrong. If I told him anything, it was after the fact, and after making inquiries, and it was to the effect that the office intended to pay him when the money was available.

Harold has asked me to be a solicitor for him for funds from Maggie. I have performed this awkward function which was for me neither easy nor successful. Harold has made the assassination his business in more ways than one. He better expect in any business venture to incur losses as well as profits. I certainly have not induced him by word or example to take this course.

In so far as Harold doesn't trust me at all, it would seem at this time to be a disservice to enlist me as a collection agency on his behalf. His final word to me with copies to other critics was inter alia that he was not interested in having anything to do with me. I do not intend to violate his wishes in this respect.

Sorry, Gary, but I will not volunteer to be Harold's patsy.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Philadelphia.

Regards,



P.S. Gary, enclosed please find what I upturned in the Congressional Record. Recognize the "black" "brown" power crap?