

11/29/68

Gary,

Hasty answer to your 11/27:

I believe basically my health is okay. Do not worry. We are members of an expensive (\$44 monthly) medical coop and I do not really neglect. I still have a few things pending, like the regular Proctoscopy, after 1/1, but my annual checkup was good. Pressure 120/70! It is a fatigue and there are some dental problems, like an apparent deep pyorrhea pocket that may yet take one or two teeth. I never had this before. It can be aging or it can be part of the toll.

Your radio thing was really something. From the immediate twin-cities area we have had about 20 orders for O in NO. When you mention it again, please ask them to include a half buck for handling and postage, because it is not profitable mailing out books for \$1.00. We include a list of all with each order. Having more mimeographed today. It certainly outpulled my hour on WLOI by far. And you there, too, for I understand you were on 11/22/

KHJ fed my taped appearance there to UPI, which did put it on wire. Do not know of any use, though.

Matt has not forwarded letter on Turner. Perhaps he will or has and it hasn't reached me yet. Suggest you send me copy there, marked hold. Vince and I are going there Wednesday. We should be certain to have it there.

Okay on Patsy. I will be sending you a small supply of all the books. I haven't Patsy's address, but I thought I sent him a set when I returned in May. If you send me his full name and address, when I return I'll send him an auto-graphed set or, send it to N.O., and I'll ask him to sign also and mail from there. We are sending you a box of 50 C in NO because he just do not have time to make smaller package. You can settle when you sell. I think you will, at the present rate. On the other books, you get on consignment, can pay when you sell.

On film, unless you have made a copy in 16 mm. do not go to that trouble and expense. Keep mine as long as you need. That will also be clearer, because it is, I think, second generation. What you say on blowups sounds okay. I am taking a copy of the six to N.O. with me. However, if you get the others done and haven't mailed, please send me one set there, with the proper numbers on these six. Also, as you have, please send set to Paul. If you cannot send extra set, I'll let Moo have mine when I am there. They now show signs of serious work on this and I'll help in every way possible.

What did you say on WDCY? Either it was potent or it is an amazing audience, or both.

Thanks Patsy for the cover offer, but Sam Abbott will do it.

Sylvia ignored everything in my letter but did send me the letters I asked for. She says she didn't send Lifton my letter. How, then, did he know about it? I trust her on this. He did know.

On the Howard pix: perhaps you will be here again over holidays and will be able to get what you want? Isn't that best (and with others, too).

I thought you said Bringier piece was in Hergis' magazine. Was it a special booklet? If so, please send copy covers.

Check with Paul on CD 131. Sounds like important lead. I will follow

from here on return from this trip if you get by then, or I can take it up from the beginning if you do not. Let me know what.

Glad to go there if WDCY wants and does as WLOL did, esp. if a college appearance can be made to coincide.

Yes, Senator. Sh!

I suspect Lifton's silence may have to do with what I told him. I have heard nothing of anyone having heard from him since then. I got a phone call Wednesday as I was leaving from the Tampa paper, just after their paper went to press and when it was too late to rectify error. Thornley's lawyer had given them an entirely misleading and quite false account. I gave them the truth. They said they'd run a followup, but that is like saying "no longer best my wife. They promised me a copy of everything, including what they were given by lawyer. If it is bad enough, it may open other avenues. Have to wait and see. I expect by tomorrow a very fine woman there will have a copy of story in my hands. She is a wonder gal. Mrs. Helen Hartmann, St. Petersburg, which is across Tampa Bay. Lifton had promised me certain things he has not sent in a month. He is inclined to be a bit devious. I do not trust him or his motives, for I think at best he is flakey.

Keep up the good work, if you can find toothpicks that do not make holes in the eyelids! And thanks.

Sincerely,

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Dear Harold,

Sorry to hear about your poor health. I trust that you are getting the best in care--I don't just mean an occasional look. If your financial situation makes you settle for less than the best, either Vince or I could help out. Besides being a close friend, your health is essential to this case. My financial straights are improving as people have been contributing much money.

Important--I mailed you a letter at Matt's address--WLOL told me that someone was taking you to the airport after you were on their show, so I assumed N.O.--I hope that he will forward it--it contains detail on Turner. I just wrote Vince a very long letter on the basis for my suspicions (of long duration) and some things he should have to answer for. Whether or not he is an agent we may never know, but currently he is doing more than all of our opponents together to ruin us, and in my opinion he has done everything in his power in the past to hinder us.

The Hargis Record is the old one. Agree on Rose, Nagell, French, et. al. and note that they all come from the same source or revolve around the same people. Don't know the full story about the Chinaman, but doubt that there is such a thing as a CIA paymaster of assassins anyway--the agency isn't set up that way--they work in groups and areas and on designated projects. The French could have been there and could have had a photog, although it is incomprehensible that they wouldn't have told JFK given their liking for him, but what Garrison has is Company stuff. I say this because of the Bestougeff affair and some ideas I have about her.

I found the Sprague letters. Sorry for the confusion. I hope that Hal returns my memos soon, because I need them badly. I wrote him again.

Paul wrote me that he was going off to see Rush. If we can get the Oregon film we will have everything we should need except witnesses. I spent all last night with Patsy going over the film. We want to make a 16mm copy of it--is that OK. Then we can keep ~~it~~ it in case we want to look it over again. There is just too much footage to print out even the distribution. It is all we can do to fill the present request. We are making copies of 10 more frames and then will decide about face blowups--we have profiles and front views of everyone plus a good shot of Lee, but many of them won't show much if blown up too far. The film is too grainy. We are working as fast as possible. The first frame series was lettered 1-6a temporarily--they will be re-numbered by series designated with capital letters and frames with numbers and be put into series with the other ten. I had to give them some numbers to begin with so that when they were again put into series I would be able to communicate to you and Paul the new numbers. In the end you will get all negatives if you want them, although with Patsy doing the work it might almost be better if I kept them (I don't know what facilities you have where you are).

I just got another call from WDGY. They got 50-100 calls in the day following my last broadcast. I get new info. They want me back on. Right now they go East into Illinois, north into Canada and up to Greenland, and with the right ceiling on to Norway! The response has been the greatest in the station's history and it's still coming in. They're talking about having you out here in March, etc. I have letters for appearances at colleges all over the state, libraries, professional groups, etc. I now have enough people for a citizen's committee of inquiry who are concerned, intelligent, and hard workers. I don't know how long I can keep the pace up, ~~###~~ but the results are gratifying. If this keeps up I will be able

to mobilize amazing public pressure from here.

I'm sure that both Nagell and Kroman are angry about the New Yorker piece, since it reduces their value considerably.

Will make copies from J. of Forensic Sciences as soon as possible.

LHO's notebook, as with other notebooks, very important. I started what you are doing some time ago but couldn't find enough time to devote to it. The notebooks have got to be a primary source of leads. This will be a very fruitful area, and I have always been surprised at how many people have ignored it. This is as bad as forgetting about 1347, etc., which were some of the first files I ordered when I got a list of documents.

Can you send Patsy a set of all your books. He wanted to know how to order them and I took the liberty of saying that I was sure that you wouldn't take any money from someone who has done as much for us as he has. Could you send him a set? By the way, if you find a publisher for any of your other books, he has volunteered to try to make a good cover for the book. This is something which can do a lot to sell a book.

Your Sylvia letter was interesting. I hope that she will at least come to the middle of the road rather than being in the Lifton-Thornley camp. Your points are well taken and I think that your letter along with Vince's and mine will challenge her intellectual integrity enough that she'll either think about reconsidering somewhat or keep quiet publicly.

Re: your letter of 11/24/68

Boxley is probably still on the other side anyway, so his behavior is no surprise.

My eye exams showed no current danger in the cond. of my eyes, but of course, permanent loss of left vision. Damage to right was minor and fortunately off center.

I didn't accept your slide projector because at that time I had one which I could always borrow from my office, and in fact, one which I kept at home. It was a Kodak Carousel. But it is now in use and so it is a Godsend that the Fishers gave me one.

I will be seeing Congressman Donald Fraser this coming Tues. afternoon--McCarthy and Mondale (HHH man) will wait until 1969.

Sorry about the delay on the Howard photos. You will get enlargements all in time as soon as we are done with the WDSU footage.

Haven't seen the girls yet because I sent Steve's photos back and Patsy hasn't printed out the negatives yet. I haven't had time anyway. As it is it will be difficult for me to finish up my studies this term. Remember, I am a full-time Phd candidate and in addition a 1/2 time psychiatric researcher. Warren Report critic in the remaining 1/2 time with no time for sleep or food.

There were other photos (Howard's ?) which you had--a group photo or several group photos. All I got from Steve was a composite with names and a few individual photos. I would like the others and will arrange for blowups.

Sprague has Schulke's photos--I checked with him.

The CD 131 pages concerned the fact that ~~#####~~ no one could be located who had been trained in the same military school as LHO! The West Coast claims to have a copy, but I think that Hal is confused about that. I will get one from the Archives if we can find out the page #'s.

I will send the Sta. Review page.

When I get time I will write to Lillian and Bud about different things.

What Bringuier-Hargis piece? I sent you all pages of their short pamphlet.

I sent the stuff to Hunt's man immediately.

Who is Russell--the senator?

The "Odds and Ends" give some idea of the # of potentially good leads that I have no time to check.

I haven't heard from Richardson in Phila. or Barbara Bolden, although I sent Barbara a certified letter but in my haste forgot to specify a return postcard, so I will have to write the post office in Chicago to make sure it arrived.

Haven't heard from Lifton in a while, and he may suspect that I am sending you his letters.

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Lifton's P.S. was of no value - had to do with a question about his book or something - wouldn't copy anyway.

Enclosed paper from your letter I couldn't understand.

Take care - exhausted

Lay