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Dear Gary,

Many thanks for the film. Timing excellent: I'm expecting my friend who wants to study can examine and do things with, this weekend. I've tried to help Jerry get prints of the Italian film, for I had friend there. They are gone, but I am remembered. He also is due this weekend, and maybe I'll learn more then.

Bud: what he has spent on me, personally, is almost nothing and doesn't begin to equal the expenses he has cost me, as one example shows: He asked me to go to N.O. and work with him for two weeks beginning 12/1/68, at his expense, even to the insistence we live in a motel. He then went abroad. I made the arrangements after his return. When he changed his mind, I was hooked. When, at my request, he went there for other purposes with Vince and me, he did take me to a very fine meal, did buy me a bottle of Scotch (left with Matt), but except for the fare, which Vince paid and humiliated me about, I was stuck with all the expenses. He asked me to go to N.O. 11/68 and paid the addition to the fare, but I was stuck with the rest. Jerry: he hasn't even repaid the phone calls and now has cut me out entirely, in violation of our clear agreement, on the spurious ground there is no money for it. He means he wants to spend it for other purposes-and is. I leave it that way, in silence, as I ask you to. Bud the only contributions I get are few and from those who cannot afford it. Like and dislike are personal things. They cannot be argued. But if your dislike is based upon mistrust, then I suggest it should be limited to his judgement, not intentions. I have no doubt at all about his intentions, and the miserable thing he did to me is not related to this. Is it, really, any worse than others of which you know? Why did Vince have to humiliate me about paying the air fare to NO? But he did. Or Maggie do the things she has, rich as she is? Or the various committees not repay the expenses they agreed to in advance? This does not impugn their intentions or their real interests. I really think you should not have a separate standard for Bud. There are many people for whom I have no warm feeling with whom I can and do cooperate well, and we each serve the ends of all.

Bolden: I now think this should be as far back on any burner as poss.

Charach: source best.

Jerry: Please send what Thunderbolt carries. Other such sources, too.

Who did the fine work on Muchmore, ESTP or Italians or UPI? If UPI, maybe I can get a print from them, for research use only.

I doubt if a visit here would be "vacation", but we'd like to see you. I expect Mary sometime toward the end of month. Sylvia is supposed to be there now, as possibly Shirley is also. Orr, that is.

The days have been rough recently, and I must get to other things. In an hour I'll be hearing again from the prospective publisher of the edited-down COUP. His contract was unacceptable and we'd have one talk about that. He used $\frac{1}{3}$ of the discussed advance and has already almost doubled that. There remain other things for which I must prepare. His unending dishonesty, by even good people when a buck is involved, is one of the most depressing things (you know, I never got a cent from C in NO)...Re recent discussion tranquilizing effects wine, if you think the enclosed would interest Phil, send. Otherwise, forget. Best, H

August 2, 1970

Dear Harold:

I sent the Skolnick interview off a few days ago so you should have it by now. I forgot to include it with the other things I sent. The only things I have on Skolnick are what I sent. It is ironic that I have not had time to keep up on it or travel to Chicago given my long-term interest in Badden but that is usually what has happened to many of my more important interests in the case--I don't follow them up due to lack of time.

I have no opinion on the CD 75 withholdings, but either possibility is likely in my mind. Agreed on the computer thing. It does not surprise me that it has attracted congressional interest, since the news media play and magic word "computer" tend to do that. I share your views on Charach.

All I have on the nick in the tie and position of the knot are the printed photos. Life and the others have published good ones

The Jerry Ray thing certainly is bizarre. I assume that they suspected the kid of being FBI. What you have heard on the Charach thing, and which you mention in your letter of 7-28 is potentially disappointing. I hope that it is not accurate. Private Dick's do make some unfortunate mistakes. (I have a recent, almost humorous example from here, of one made by a good legal investigator who was checking on something for me.)

The Bud thing is regrettable. I have been silent on Bud for a long time but you know my feelings about him. Basically I do not particularly like him and am never surprised when he pulls stunts like his recent one. It is his inconsistency which has always gotten my goat, from the first time I met him. For a lawyer he is incredibly careless with facts and people's reputations. I have always felt that much of what he did for you financially had to do with his own ambitions and in order to be able to profit from your work. Bud's letter is really incredible. I wonder if its suddenness has anything to do with your letter to Dick Sprague. I guess I would think it worthwhile to send copies to Paul, Howard, and Dick B. and to show it to Mary.

I have had a little time of late to try to clean up my files. They have been in bad shape for 2 years. It's not that I have ever been a good enough compulsive about these things, but July 4 two years ago was very costly. I don't know whether I ever mentioned it, but the night I got beaten in the park I had been arranging my assassination files and had my entire room covered with them. Ian convinced me to go to the park and I didn't return home for over two weeks, at which time I still could not really see. I had to get down on my hands and knees and just stuff the files into boxes! Oh well.

This is wrapped about Lifton's printout of the Nix which is worth \$14. Keep it yourself or sell it to your friend for the \$14 (which I paid for it) and keep the \$. I am quite angry since it is much below expectations and I feel taken. Dave told me that this type of printout made it as useful as the Zapruder. I find it far less so, and certainly not good enough for public use as he discussed on the phone. I bought many more than I would have had I known the truth, since I got extras largely for friends who I felt might want them but in all honesty could not recommend it as a good buy except for someone who is a photo buff. In any event, take the copy as a gift.

Speaking of films, my last phone conversation with Jerry Policoff included a discussion by him of the Italian film "Two Kennedys." What Sprague predicted would be the Babuska film turned out to be what I predicted: the Muchmore. (That's what the KSTP film out here turned out to be.) But, they did some fine work on it, isolated the dunk of skull which hit one of the motorcycles, and show it in slow motion with a circle around the fragment showing its flight!

Well, I've gotten nice post cards lately which have made me restless. My sister is in Provo, Utah, ex-girlfriends at Cape Cod and in the mountains in Colorado, a patient up north at Lake Itasca, and an old friend working in a kibbutz in Israel. I need a vacation.

Best to you and Lil.

Ray