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Dear Gary,

Although you sent copies of your letter of the 23rd to Paul and Dick, I see no need to bother them with this, which responds to but parts.

Ned & I'm gonna have to replace this damned machine or learn how to write without "c"s. It has been sticking on that letter for more than a year and when it does I have to stop and removed the key by hand!

Ned Crosby: I think you made a very big mistake, and I think it because of a hangup with the past and your own presentation, which is undoubtedly fine for other and audience purposes.

I didn't expect my letter to Sprague to make any changes in him, but it did make a record and it did tell him, politely, that he is hurting us all. However, especially because he is one of the dedicated wrong, devoutly persuaded that his ignorance and suspicions are incontrovertible fact is it a mistake to refer any mature, responsible person to him. There is little likelihood he'll do only what you asked of him, every one that he'll try to convert this guy, too. He really turned off people who had gotten in touch with me two years ago. Should any sensible person not be frightened?

Your pictures, etc, are great for an audience. But if there is, in the mind of anyone in a position to help us, any question about such things as angles, that is passe. The unprinted material I have is simple, definitive and shocking enough for any responsible person to understand it and its overtones. Unless you feared that those overtones might have frightened him, you should have escaped the captivity of the past, meaning the pictures, and gotten to the nitty-gritty, which also means avoiding the irresponsibles. Too late now, for that, but not for Crosby to see enough to turn him on if he is fearless.

Gary L Great. I'd welcome any decent paying appearances and I think the King studd should be the main thing now, though I am quite willing to do anything on the JFK. I'll be filing some more suits soon (two drafted) and they'll provide a new JFK format, too, but consistent with the basis of my "pls appearances, emphasizing the integrity of our society. The successful suit also is a new basis, esp. with what it has over their signatures by Mitchell and Kleindienst. I'd also welcome appearances before professional black groups, if they have any.

You are lost on that train and haven't allowed for the characteristics of lenses. My copy of Curry leaves no possibility of doubt that there are cars on two tracks, both far from TSED, the one closer to it possibly having a second car hidden by the single car on a separate track closer to the foreground. The tower is quite clear and is the fact that save for these cars, there is absolutely nothing to hide the view of any of the autps in the parking lot. The car closer to the camera is partly on the Triple Underpass and the trees also are distinct, with no parts of them hidden. On the left is the end of a freight, but that, also very clearly, doesn't extend down close to Elm at all. The walls of the shed on the west end of the TSED and the entire roofline are unhidden. Again, even if Fred's craziness on this were not crazy, even if it was accurate, it lacks meaning and is also passe today because our knowledge has gotten us far past such things. The pictures you quote, however, do not show a train, they show a car, and this picture shows two, parked, without means of moving or being moved. And very far from where Fred conjectures they were and then, based on the erroneous conjectures, draws phomeyx conclusions. Remember, Gary, this all started with me, so I know the basis for the suspicion, and I also know today such things are without impact or real meaning.

Caller: little likelihood it correlates with publisher, who is more or less progressive, but if correlation with anything specific exists, from first calls it is reactivation of the dormant damage suit vs govt.

Not necessary to send me more on Lykken bust. INCA goodie is that, and glad to get.

Have you been able to reach any conclusions on the root of your sister's anxiety(ies)? That might help provide a means of allaying them, might it not?

By the way, why not ask Sprague for a copy of what he describes as a statement in which one of the assassins confesses? I'd like a copy, and he hasn't responded, save with horsehit to which I responded, at my requests for it. He knows better, which is the frightening thing.

Nothing really new. Howard's indexing of my govt correspondence should be valuable and I would like to be able to expand it to include at least yours and Paul's and Jim's, perhaps Dick's also, and not alone for the suits. It would also be good for the youngest of us to have a knowledge of all of this.

Best,

June 23, 1970

Dear Harold:

Received mailings from you with numbers over the return address of 2 through 5, but not 1, unless I have already answered #1, which is probable given the dates of the mailings.

X I spoke with Dick Sprague on the phone at Bud's the other night and he told me of their computer project. I was calling on behalf of Ned Crosby (who paid for the call) who wants to see all photos which deal with the position of JFK in the car and the same for Connally. Ned, who is the guy who arranged for Guido Calebrazi and the Boston lawyer, is trying to pin down one physical absolute in terms of the angles so that he is 100% convinced himself before he tries to convince others. He will be in N.Y. for a foundation meeting and wanted to know if anyone there had photos I didn't and I said that Dick did. On the phone Dick volunteered to show Ned a confession from one of the assassins and I instructed him to stick to the photos and show Ned what he wanted rather than trying to convince him of anything. I also told Ned that Dick, among others, was prone to gather in wild info, and that Dick would be able to supply him with only one thing--a look at some photos I don't have. When Ned has gotten further along in his thinking and wants to move further I will see about a discussion of other matters with you if and when it can be arranged. For now Ned needs to convince himself in terms of simple details and he is as hard to convince as anyone I have ever met, going into each area in minute detail. For example, he rejects A. Oliver's bullet tests because the bullets were going slightly faster and therefore their condition is not definitive insofar as evidence is concerned. Dick had, by the way, suggested that Ned visit him while he was at Bud's in Washington and see Bud too, but when Ned called Bud he got a cold shoulder and very negative response and so decided against it.

X Thanks for speaking to Kevin about Gary. Gary now has a job with a new agency which is running a speaker's bureau. He wants me to sign up and I probably will if I think I have enough time to keep speaking. If you are interested let me know. They are energetic and have contacts and can probably set up some decent engagements. They are looking for speakers on all subjects.

Your mailing #2: I am a bit embarrassed about Hargis' letter to me since I am now apparently elevated to the status of a top right winger or at least good conservative without any deception on my part.

Your mailing #3: I have two personal friends among the regents professors who met with Agnew and Kissinger--Paul Meehl, my advisor, and Morris Visscher one of my best supporters out here! They were partly taken in, which is inexcusable, and partly stupid in that they should have realized that the press would carefully select only the good things from their statement. That visit only hurt things and when I first read the account of it here could have strangled Meehl. Lykken and others have been riding him about it but the harm has been done. On political things I do not hold Meehl in any sort of esteem and haven't for some time--we have had some big arguments on the war, etc. I will pass your comments onto Meehl along with some more of my own and thank you for the newspaper clippings which I will carefully use.

I failed my physical and so cannot be drafted and got my 2-S later after they finally sent my appeal in. I do not know where the stains on my letter to you came from or the obvious water markings.

X The photo on page 31 of Curry's book--at least my copy--does not clearly show the absence of cars behind the pergola. I of course agree that there were cars further back. The Nix film and Bond slides show a train right behind the pergola--not far away--of that I am convinced. It also appears close in one of the unpublished Willis slides.

Your mailing #4; Sorry you returned those carbons--they were all for you. Return only items marked to be returned. All carbons I send you will be for you. Sorry to hear about the harrassing phone calls, but don't spend much time trying to attach rhyme or reason to them. They could just represent random acts, or could be someone's response to learning of your work, hearing it discussed on some distant call-in station, etc. I will try to unravel the thing with the letters I sent Dave and Fred and send you the

one you don't have. But on Lifton, let me make it clear that he had already indicated full knowledge of the suit in a previous phone conversation.

Sorry to hear about the chiggers. Believe it or not, I have never had a one. My sister's visit was good, and she got a change to rest and her anxiety went down so markedly that a skin rash disappeared. But, I could not really get across to her the need for some professional help. The principal reason this letter was not written for almost 1 1/2 weeks after I intended to write was not only the incredible strain on my already busy schedule her visit caused, but the fact that her visit in sum total led to me becoming mildly depressed in reaction to the frustration I was feeling. She now has a number of understandings she did not have before, but is probably headed for a good deal of unhappiness. Ironically, one of my psychotherapy supervisors, a social worker, has just had the same experience with his sister and was similarly depressed by it.

X Your mailing #5: Is there any possibility that the contact with a publisher for Coup has anything to do with the threatening phone calls?

I have wondered about the original source on Manuel Garcia Gonzales for years. Someone told me it was Andrews but I found that hard to believe. Agreed with your letter to Paul on Skolnick. From what Rich Edelman told me of his conversation with Sylvia, she also agrees. I am also worried, like you, about the potential danger of Skolnick's suit being tried. Ironically TIME and others gave it the big write up.

I think that your letter to Dick, which by the way scared the hell# out of me because I had Dick B. on the mind at the time and assumed at first that it was to him, was wasted. Dick Sprague will not respond to or be stopped by rationale or our guidelines for behavior. I sent Ned to him only because Ned wanted to see any and all photos which might pertain to the position in the car and Dick has them and Ned was wanting someone in NY since he would be there. Dick's close work with Bud does not encourage me about Bud either. Both are enough to depress and frustrate all of us.

X I still don't have all the info on the Lykken bust so I will wait until it is all assembled in order to send it. Enclosed is a recent INCA goodie. Also enclosed is info on a movement to seat conservatives in Congress. I am probably in line for a mention in the next edition of Danger on the Right as a prominent midwestern fascist!

Well, I'd better go. More to come in the near future. I am still catching up after my sister's visit. Best wishes to you and Lil.

cc: Paul, Dick