

5/29/70

Dear Gary,

Glad to get your letter. I'll answer briefly, until I get a call I'm expecting, and then I'M going to work outside the short time before supper, for I've not been able to get any exercise this week.

I am now a lawyer! Yup. Recognized as such by one federal court and about to be by another. I went to Baltimore yesterday and began what may be real negotiations with the federal attorney, in the presence of the judge, to see if we can either reach an amicable settlement on the old helicopter case or, failing that, if we can stipulate to some of it in advance. In Chicago, I am able to be my own lawyer, but the case is not yet officially filed. How I wish the clerk had been as informative a month ago! He sent me the forms for a pauper's oath and I've filled them out and just returned them, notarized. Unfortunately, I am afraid that within the meaning of the law, I am that. If this is accepted, then I'll not have to post an advance \$250 bond required by out-of-state litigants and will not have to pay the various fees. All I'll have to worry about is how to get the fare to Chicago. We are, right now, about \$800 short of the immediate bills for such things as interest, taxes, etc. and there are other bills, too, like utilities. To say nothing of such minor items as food.

I've been getting my Archives files in order and seeing to it that I have a complete dupe to take to court before I get snowed under in the helicopter suit. I've got 1969 and 1970 to do. Then I'll have to do the same with the much smaller Justice and SS files. Then I'll be ready to redraft the suits I've drafted. My the way, why not get your newfound newspaper friend to get a story from me via AP Baltimore on my winning this first Freedom of Information suit relating to any of the assassinations. Wrong desk, but try. Or me, by phone. See below.

What happened to your profs is terrible, but it has been happening to others for years. Remember?

You got the complaint, with attachments, in March. They simply gave up rather than face trial, waiting until the last day, then telling us by phone. They then delayed giving me copies until a reporter asked them about this, when, magically, they phoned to tell me the copies were ready the next day. Except the pictures, which will take three more weeks.

Careful with Jaffe, and tell him nothing. Remember, to his father it is his job, his future as well as his present, Jaffe's education. He knows enough already and has been silent. And do you want to destroy him in his son's eye and mind? It will soon enough be in court. I suggest that rather than father telling the son he knew nothing, he really said he was not directly connected with it. He couldn't possibly share Eardley's offices and not know what was going on.

Don't worry about the missing mail. I'm not even bothering to tell you what is missing. If you got the letter I wrote Kelley about the film, you have the most important thing. He gave me more on this, but still not all.

I am aware of the possibility some of my complaints may be psychosomatic. However, I fear the doctors have reached the same conclusion and that if there is something of another character it can be ignored. One that has bothered me (both ways) is not a year old. A pain in the left testicle that was constant then eased off and now is uncommon and connected with no activity I can pinpoint. But for some time now I am aware that if I scratch a certain point in my back, on the left side, close to the spine and just below the lowest rib, I feel it in that testicle.

Not badly, not sharp, but I think I feel it as though it were travelling down a canal or a nerve. I tell myself it is nothing because the docs have never bothered to check it after diagnosing last year's thing as a strain. But I know that in the back of my mind is doubt about the doctors. When other things coincide with it, I wonder whether they, too, can be psychosomatic, like a reduced flow of urine (no pain, no inability) if I can't urinate when I feel the urge. A thinner stream. So, I tell myself that, too, is a nervous reaction, but I haven't really convinced myself. There seems to be nothing I can do but sweat it out.

Sprague's piece has reached me, too, but not any answers to the questions I asked him. Lifton: possibly so, but this would not be the intelligent approach. With the support he is getting from his dad, or by foregoing a month's longwinded phoning he could spend a month there and have much more at less cost. And I do not think he is less than real bright, so he should know this.

I'll go to Washington Monday and pick up my papers. I'll cancel all the pictures but one. I'm not going to wait that long, another three weeks.

Alex Nebbett is my special typing. Bennett, the once-rightwinger who is away from WLOD and in NYC. I sent him a message about Gary just this past weekend. I didn't forget. I doubt Kevin can do anything unless Gary is an experienced newsman, and it would not be a good approach for you to make rather than Gary. He is at KJH radio, 5515 Melrose Ave., LA. They have no talk shows, just heavy on news. I'll ask him if he needs a newsman. Then we can find out of Gary is.

Hope your draft situation straightens out.

On the profs, I do feel sorry, but I cannot help think how much of all our current travail is because of the almost total abdication of the intellectuals. Incidentally, I've gotten a response from Marshall, who now uses the Yale Law School letterhead and envelope. He reiterates his previous position.

Good luck,

Dear Harold: May 26, 1970

It was good to talk with you on the phone although I regret getting so bogged down as to be this far behind with correspondence. Not only has the draft board cont inual hastling and breaking of regulations given me less time, but I have had to take over the full public relations load for the Walk-In counseling center because a few people backed out. Before the end of this year we will offer anything from housing and food and legal aid to medical and psychiatric help free of charge 24 hours per day to anyone who needs it. I am very encouraged by the enormous # of professionals who are volunteering their time. To make matters worse we had a Nazi-style SS raid on the guy I work for, Professor Lykken, involving illegal search and seizure and the taking of 19 liberals in suits to jail for the night for allegedly selling liquor without a license (taking contributions to fight the ABM sites in North Dakota and dispensing beer)--the raid was conducted by 19 cops who came in without knocking and without a warrant and they went through personal correspondence and files and confiscated it. I spent much time pushing the press and some key people. As a result, Doug Heidenreich, dean of the Mitchell School of Law (both Burger and Blackmun are on the board of directors) stepped off the fence (after two years of working on him) and wrote incredibly direct and strong letters to everyone from the newspapers to the bar association. I will send clippings, etc. in the near future. Then, one of my patients made a suicide attempt--something which adds emotional strain as well as many extra hours to an already long schedule. Finally, I got Ned Crosby, the son of one of the richest families out here, interested in the assassination. He teaches political science at MacAlister College. He (after a night of no sleep) promptly called Bickel, Spector, etc. and then offered to pay for the plane fare of some big wigs to come out here and see my slide presentation. Belton Copp, a big lawyer from Boston, and Guido Calebrizi came last Friday. Guido is a Yale law professor, who knows Griffin, Hubert, Bickel, and many others, and is the 3rd youngest person to become a full professor in Yale's history. In another session some others saw the stuff including the city desk editor of the Mpls Star-Tribune who promised help if we send any news stories including help in bugging AP through the Tribune's Washington bureau.

As of today, I have only 3 mailings plus the tape: May 8, 14, and 16 postmarks. I have not had time to listen to the tape but will this weekend.

Dick sent me his piece in Computers and Automation. It's an enormous piece--32 pages long. I haven't had time to read it. What Lifton is doing is I think pretty simple. Although## he has done a lot of research, until the past two years he has done little in the archives. His lack of knowledge has come out in his correspondence with me and I pointed it out. What he is now doing is ordering the entire archives bit by bit to see what is there. He is in no way discriminating in any real sense and probably plans to get the entire archives. He is making a last ditch effort to make a peffect book.

Great work with the suit. Let me emphasize that it is important for you to send me any material for public release by airmail as soon as it's ready so that I can put this editor on the line and see what he will do now that he has put himself on the line in front of friends.

I'll get back to #### Lippman when I get a chance. He is doing worthwhile things in terms of the person-to-person confrontation with politicians.

On the Pneumo and Angio: They are especially good tests and better than a brain scan and that's why they are worth the risk. From what you told me

on the phone, an angio and pneumo would not be necessary. They are esp. useful prior to surgery where it is important to determine the exact position of a blocked blood vessel. I will wait to hear tape before giving further opinion, but numbness could be psychosomatic (consistent by the way with your MMPI) or a peripheral nerve problem.

Who is D to whom you wrote a letter on 5-11? I will be glad to help with drug info. Forget explaining who D is--I just realized.

I agree on the advantages of focusing a suit. John's is too big and cumbersome. Who is Alex Nebbett? I want to write to Art Kevin but don't know his address, hoping also to get Gary a job. There were no "if, ands, or buts" about Mitchell's capitulation. I am still working on getting you a lawyer. We now have 100 from here in Washington lobbying.

I will try to get back into touch with Jaffe. I have complete confidence in him, and there is no question about his source. It is also significant that his father had no idea what was being done to him, and there is no reason to believe that he told any less than the truth to his own son in the heat of such an argument.

Harold, it looks like I am missing some correspondence. Mail troubles occurred at my Mayo Box too, so no use using that address. There was nothing in what I have about a lawyer, and I searched twice to make sure no letter escaped my sign or fell behind the desk, etc. The copy of my letters to the draft board never arrived either, and my parents sent that. I don't think I really deserve this kind of attention.

Enclosed in this letter should be a check for \$10--the money from Henry Lippman. Best wishes. I'll be in touch soon, now that I have eased up my schedule. Give my regards to Lil.

cc: Paul, Dick

Gary