

4/28/70

Dear Gary,

Thanks for all the enclosures with your letter of 4/24.

Howard's emotional response was amazingly mature, responsible, and reflects the deep hurt my letters caused, as I knew they would and as they had to. I prepared Dick to console him and guide, if needed. This boy has one of the finest minds I've ever met and with it has conscience, concern and decency in high measure. It will work out, and I think he'll be the better for it. It remains to be seen whether or not any real harm was done but there is no doubt of the possibility. I have had time to respond only briefly, in deference to his feelings. I'll do it in more detail when I can pay attention and have time, for I do not want to hurt him needlessly.

The enclosed carbon of a letter to Mary is a liberty I hope causes you no embarrassment and her no needless worry. Aside from Jimmy's needs, would she ever forgive herself if treatment was wrong and she did less than she could to learn whether or not it might be?

If you again write Dick of Nichols and money (wild, isn't it, his claiming to me Western Union couldn't garble and to them he should get a refund for it?), tell him that the 18 bucks was for two sets of each of two prints from an existing negative. This is no less crooked than the keeping of the extra six bucks. You might have an opinion on Nichols sending me a bill for \$6.00 when I'd gone out to KC to sell his people on supporting his suit (apparently he alone was unable to) and after that enormous job I did trying to salvage him. It is difficult not to develop an occupational paranoia after these experiences with John. I do agree with you that he presents a great hazard. This, not love for him, is why I dropped everything to do that work. Bud saved it from a legal point of view, so had little alternative.

Thanks for the medical info. I'll have to write the doctor and ask what he's waiting for on the neuro, which I think he said was next.

I think it would be a good idea for you to be collecting a file on the shrinks and the assassinations for a later, detailed exorcism that would be both a worthwhile scientific project and a commercial success. The shrinks need exposure.

There remain no big missing Skolnick pieces, but no time to go into it. Incredibly, the media, which will not air me in Chicago, do not realize that this would be the switch of switches, the most vocal critic defending the SS and Arch. The LBJ-CBS thing really means LBJ knew the WR was wrong. Tomorrow's London Times will quote me on it. Central to all conclusions is that LHO was entirely alone, entirely unconnected with anyone left, right, hut, etc. LJB says no. He may mean reds, but he also says thereby WR is wrong...No word from Paul, who is probably busy with his meetings...If my letter to Mary was "of somewhat opposite stance", did we not cover it well between us? The problem is to move her for Jimmy's benefit, if not her own...The Ray business is going remarkably well, but there is nothing significant to add to what I've said. I found two things yesterday in Bud's file for him to pursue and I've got about a thousand new pages to analyze! I'm past being out of file space again...Powers, LBJ, etc.: I've come to the conclusions these errors, while errors, will help in the long run because they do undermine the official fiction, regardless of how wrongly. There was once a time I thought there was only one way. With the corrupt press we have, I was wrong, for it cannot happen that way. So, let them cannibalize...Got your exercise. It is no less important than you say, as I now know better than you. Mine this a.m. was thrice interrupted and I'm now back to it until lunchtime.

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Mary may need cheering up, but she also needs some advice if all her son is taking is vitamins. I suspect that he is being treated by one of those quacks using megavitamins-- probably niacin. We are having problems with some of them up here. The guy who started it all is very likely a paranoid schizophrenic and way off the map, and the good research just doesn't support his claims. But, more important, the literature contains cases where it seems to have led to suicide. (i.e. it seemed to work at first due to the placebo effect, but when the placebo effect wore off the patient was overwhelmed with despair and committed suicide.

Agreed that Chris makes a good point on page 4 of his letter, but it is pretty unimportant given that it is just another example of how incompetent the autopsy surgeons were, and that we can already prove a 1,000 times over. As you guessed, I have not yet had time to write him but will soon and forward both your letters.

There are exciting protests going here but I have no time for them...big confrontations with General Electric and Honeywell which were quite well planned and very constructive in nature. Invasions of stockholder's meetings by either buying stock or acting as a proxy is a great idea.

I played a little tennis today and hope to get out some more. I am in bad physical shape (never really recovered from all the inactivity following my beating in the park) and would really like to try to play tennis again. My timing is way off due to the depth perception problems and I'll never be able to compete in tournaments again, but I do hope to get to the stage where it can be fun again.

Your letter of 4/20 to Mary was a very warm and moving one although my letter to her was of a sometimes opposite stance. I reinforced the idea of contact with his peers and also challenged the "wisdom" of their therapists, but I also indicated a need for care, caution, and better help. I have seen too many similar cases end in suicide.

Your suggestions in your letter of 4/20 in regard to Lifton and Nichols are possible, but I doubt if we'll ever know. I have considered it, but have absolutely no evidence in either direction.

Brain scan is an X-ray photo taken of the brain once dye has been ingested. It is a way to map the circulatory pathways in the brain. If he made mention of a test which

posed hazards, I suspect that it would be a pneumoencephalogram. In order to do one they drain the cerebrospinal fluid. Brain scan is a simpler and more routine test, and I doubt if any more than that plus the EEG and neurological is indicated. (neurological exam that is)

Your approach to the medication is a good one. Stay off it if you can, but use it when you feel the need. There is no reason not to. I have a patient who I seem to be helping a great deal, but who became depressed recently due to the breakup of a relationship and some other things which happened and I got her on an anti-depressant for a while.

I am looking forward to the Newman book because it will undoubtedly add more fuel to my fire and more evidence for the point I hope to make about all the rotten things done in the name of psychology and psychiatry for this case. Agreed on Russell. Also agreed that the environment thing is serving to divert people. On YES, pregnancies still a problem, but we have a setup to get psychiatrist's letters for therapeutic abortions and to send them to a safe hospital setup in Mexico for an abortion if the psychiatrists can't supply a letter.

One guy on my committee is cracking up fast and we are trying to get him to go for help. I can't do much since he might think me an agent or something, although at present I am one of the few he trusts. He has periodically decided that one of my prize pupils is an agent.

From Your 4/22 to Howard I can see some problems developing (same with yours of 4/21). Nichols behavior is becoming more and more unusual and suspicious and I agree with your letters to Howard and Dick for that reason. We are at the point where things are just getting a bit too strange in that quarter and where Nichols has not availed himself of the opportunity he has had to explain things. Whether he is strange or up to something does not matter now, because he clearly has the potential to harm. I do not think you are being unfair and also can share your feelings somewhat, although naturally I can not feel them as sharply because I am somewhat removed from the situation. I hope that Howard and Dick respond favorably on the Nichols thing.

Enclosed is some racist literature for you from the NSRP.

Just found another mailing from you of the 20th. Time's covering of Skolnick is, I suppose, par for the course. As you know, Time is the publication I hate the most, and I can't even bear to see it let alone read it. Someone told me about the mention of Skolnick. I haven't read the volumes of letters I have gotten from Chris, but judging from your letter of 4-18 to him, it will be distasteful. I agree, even without reading, on the similarity to Epstein. Odio-Liebeler memo most interesting. There is so much of that stuff, like the executive sessions and all the memos, that it is staggering to think what a full analysis of it would require. It would be fascinating though to do what Epstein supposedly did and study the genesis of the report.

Well, I'd better go now. Pretty busy. Haven't gotten an answer yet from Mary...am very worried about Jimmy being on only vitamins..hope nothing has happened and that she believes me. Best wishes to you and Lil. Hope the enclosed check helps some. Stay well.

Gary

April 24, 1970

Dear Dick:

I'm very busy but wanted to drop you a short line in regard to the Nichols problem. In my opinion his behavior has gotten more unusual as time rolls on, and it becomes harder by each passing week to place innocent interpretations on it.

I just got a letter from him which was not responsive to the one I sent him (as his often tend not to be). I had asked for particulars on what he claimed to have gotten from Betzner in regard to alleged "mistakes" in the FBI interview with Betzner (primarily because I am ready to go on a Betzner memo). Instead he outlined the mistakes "Harold made" in his books with regard to Betzner and said that that's what he and Betzner collaborated on to "clear up." Dick, more than malicious and kinda of dumb, this was just plain strange. Furthermore, his friendly photographer Jim Morey, who was such a friend that he charged Harold and I a total of \$18 for what was not good work, has still not refunded the extra \$6 I paid him by mistake (due to the fact that I had agreed to pay Harold's costs, and he mistakenly billed Harold separately, and I didn't want Harold to have to worry--for some strange reason he billed me \$12 and Harold \$6). What makes me angry, other than his apparent lack of conscience, is that I wrote John to please call him about it, and either he hasn't, or Morey has forgotten quickly again, or is keeping the \$. Still, putting all the above aside, something is rotten in Denmark... as far as I am concerned...and you know that while I was not ready to trust John because of his strangeness, I was also skeptical that he was doing anything big wrong. Right now I feel that we should assume the worse until proven otherwise, especially given his stated intent to go into print with all# he has.

I don't know Howard Roffman but know you do, and from Harold's letters to him of the 21st and 22nd assume that there is a bit of a crisis brewing. Harold really loves the guy, but I fully agree with his upset and anger given the Nichol's situation and Howard's "at-easy" attitude. If Nichols choses not to clarify the situation, then damn him anyway--he has just not satisfactorily responded to Harold's queries, not to mention mine on seemingly innocent items.

Hope things are well with you. Best wishes.