

2/21/70

Dear Gary,

It is a bright, cold day, ideal for a little outside work. Just finished lunch and when it goes down I'll get out and work up some locusts I've had down for a while. This is hurried response to you 2/17, with enclosures, which arrived today.

On Nichols: I'll give him a couple of days and then write LOOK a note, copy to him.

Curry picture-train: this could not have been more than a minute after the first shot. There is no moving train with "tramps" (Sprague) anywhere in sight, and the two cars are well away from the pagoda. I am certain I earlier suggested the pictures were taken from different elevations, accounting for the absence of cars in some, presence in others.

On the Mark, Mort bit and the Paul letter, he planned a letter to JG and you seemed to concur. It should not be done. When we are face to face again I'll have more for you, but until then, read between lines of enclosed memo of today's call from the long-silent Joel Palmer. It is possible to blame Mark too much, and I think you have. I think the most he might have done is moderate, if he'd tried, and not have given Jim to understand right off that the critics would be behind him. You forgot, it was not for the transcripts but to protest the statement that you agreed Paul should write Jim. I presume he hasn't. ...And I think Jim is capable of blaming Boxley for what he really put Boxley up to. Which in no way exculpates B for what he did.

Your guy in DC: Forrestal is a real good project. McCarthy: my information comes from former friends close to him and far to the right.

There is something about Barry about which I also have felt uneasy and I have yet to put my finger on it. But I have believed it is just the way he is.

Nothing pressing on Crawford and no immediate cause for any expense.

Vince: I hesitate to say anything for fear you'll think I am campaigning against him. The Boxley thing, the Jaffe part, all of that, is beyond belief as it is beyond excuse. How explain his refusal to look Bevel up in Phil's phone book for me? He has, indeed, been a very bad influence on Jim. But the responsibility for his being there at that time is mine. In retrospect I believe it was right and the only way this could have been done. The alternatives are all worse.

John: your explanation is good, probably correct. I plan only a brief letter to LOOK if John has not given me these assurances in a couple of days.

Myself: I'll not change medication on my own. I feel also and have told the doctors that I regard my unsatisfied knowledge for explanations as a major cause of the increased anxiety. The sugar-tolerance test was Wednesday. Yesterday my dentist told me they really are not conclusive except for the six-hour period. Mine was four. I did ask about the hyperventilating EEG and got nowhere. IN the ways you say, without doubt this has hurt my work and productivity...I think there should also be head X-rays and a thorough neurological test.

My only concern about Paul, ever, is his attitude, never his integrity. He could have done this without intending what happened. But the more I think of it the more I wonder if JN and DL have not been in closer touch than JN says. The misfiling I did send you: under the printing-office copy, the one place nobody'd ever look and the one it could not possibly, properly, be. By accident, Mike could

have copied the wrong one for him. But he already had this in confidence, for I'd shown it to him on this basis. The one thing that doesn't trouble me is his motivation. I am concerned with the possible consequences on work and I have come to the point where I must assert my rights to my materials for I have for so long accepted so much it is hurting my self-esteem. Invariably the crooks always hurt us anyway. So, if this is where I have to make the effort, it will be both here and henceforth. I have already written Kunkin of the Free Press on Marks and his usurping of my title "Coup d'Etat" on a book on the same subject. Can you imagine how I feel, having taken all that time from my own work, when I was unwell, to try and help him with his suit (you have a copy of that enormous analysis of the government's briefs/papers), to be repaid this way? I also feel not doing anything, taking this, would have an adverse effect on my health, would make me more anxious.

I think it not important, but the Paul Tress in your Edelman letter is unknown to me.

I have just obtained and gone over some new Ferrie material, not governmental, and it has some significant indications about which I cannot, now, say anything. If and when I can, I will. Coupled with the magnitude of the hidden investigation, it think its significance may be much greater.

Had the kind of letter you'd expect from Fisher today. As I anticipated, he said both too much and not enough, and he did ring Bromley in. I'll be copying and sending, probably via Paul. They also destroyed their notes! But I also have proof of the existence of some things. It was for this proof that I delayed making this request for so long. I think it is quite helpful.

Best regards,

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Dear Harold,

Good letter to Nichols of the San Diego AIC. I'm afraid that they are back on the Garrison-type bandwagon.

I do not see what you mean when you say that Curry's page 31 is absolute proof of things relating to the "Last Train" research. My two main feelings on the "Last Train" stuff are these: 1. There is some sort of an ambiguity in the photos which intuitively doesn't make sense and which is hard to explain based on different angles 2. But, on the contrary, it makes no sense at all that anyone would remove the trains (i.e. I suspect that Lifton is working on the idea that someone stood on top of the trains and shot over the pergola in line with his high angle head-hit theory, but why not just erase the men and leave the train?): I haven't said a word about the Sirhan work. Right now I would settle for Fred sending me details of the TV showing of the Z film so I can send it to Jerry.

I still haven't heard from Mary about the followup on Ahler which was not only simple to do but set up for her when I left Dallas. I have asked directly about it now 3 different times and she has not responded, although she has written a number of times in between. I can't understand why she hasn't either done it or sent me the results.

On the Ferrie stuff it always amazed me that they didn't try to subpoena it. I do not have that Thornley testimony and suspect that it is somewhere in Garrison's office or was lifted from there by anyone from Lane to Bethell. I sent it to you there, through them, I think, rather than through Matt. I am about 95% certain of it. Besides, Matt's place isn't too cluttered for it to have turned up long ago.

Air Force not having heard about Davison is like the ONI not having records of the leafletting of the WASP.

On your letter of 2/9 to Paul and myself, agreed of course on the effect of Mark, Mort, and Turner, Boxley to me is a much more minor figure, and I place much of the blame on Jim's deficiencies. The real irony is that if just Mark had done the right thing everything would probably have been OK, because being a lawyer he would have had more influence.

Definitely agreed on LHO literature dist. photos--we have to get that Doyle film.

In your letter of 2-11 I didn't follow the third paragraph about my advice that Paul write Jim. I don't have any carbons of my letters to you, so I can't check them for what you refer to. All I remember is at one point suggesting that Paul write Jim and ask for the transcripts based on the fact that we deserve them--especially given that Paul is a neutral party in his eyes as compared with you. Jim would not necessarily act out of guilt, etc., with regard to Harold the way he might to with Paul, since Harold he can pass off as not his type of guy.

I think that we're agreed on Boxley. He is a very weak and pitiful person and I feel sorry for him in some ways, although naturally such a person can do almost unlimited damage when in that kind of a relationship with a person like Jim in which it is made clear what Jim wants. Agreed that McCarthy could have drunk himself to death, but I think that it is worthwhile to keep an open ear. Perhaps some of our right wing contacts might find sufficient incentive in that one to learn some things about the military or Bethesda. I have a guy who will be in Washington for some time who I think I will ask to become an expert on Forrestal. He is bright but knows next to nothing about the JFK assassination, ~~but~~ so this would be a more appropriate use of him. He is very interested in researching the military and like topics besides. Once he is settled and I get his address, I will explore the possibility that he could run errands for you in the archives.

My letter to Barry is enclosed. I may be a bit paranoid, but there is something about him which makes me uneasy. My girlfriend (or I should say ex-girlfriend) Marion, who is of a HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER personality type as far removed from paranoid as we know of, MEDICAL SCHOOL didn't like or trust him when we met him, and chided me for being so insensitive to a number of things about him. I suppose what bothers me the most is despite all the talk, the promises, the time he spent working in the Washington area, and his descriptions of his interviews, etc., I have never gotten one single item from him,

even though I have requested and he had many times promised. He is amazingly unlike, in so many ways, the others who I have met who have become active in work on the case, or even who have been interested in the case. When he is back I plan to again push for copies of all those things he promised. How in God's name did he get Curry's book on board his ship?

I have the complete Craford name file plus our preliminary memos. I soon will have the pages indexed to him that weren't in that file. No more archives work is necessary, although some of the memos may get your mind moving on peripheral matters. Some of what is needed here is more interviewing. My interview with Jarnegin was a big disappointment in this regard. I would like to do a bit of prowling in Michigan, perhaps on the way to Phila. if I ever get to visit the East again! Paul has those files so that if you want them you can get xeroxes at minimal cost. In fact, I will be glad to foot the bill. (I just got a raise for my fine work, which is a lot of bullshit because it was the result of pressure--we are organizing inside the clinic with the social workers and psychologists vs. the psychiatrists. Also, I will be working full time because it is a necessity with us down one psychologist until September. If anyone gets sick it will be the Coup d'gras.) I wasn't thinking too clearly when I wrote you about the 7" reels. I can send those tapes anytime you like. Why not listen to them when you are relaxing. You can never tell what you might spot.

I have not had time to finish Coup, but I have not spotted any errors which Paul H. did not, so I am not worried about the rush. I had forgotten about the negro-black switch, so I will go back through when I get the chance and note them. Your letter of 2/11: As I have said before, it is frustrating to be here when I could render a few professional services and better yet, do a much better job of harrassing MD's, if I were there. Amnesia wouldn't cause the falls, but could be something which could have occurred as a result, or along with it as another symptom.

Agreed on Vince, as much as I feel very close to him, he has provided encouragement for what I consider are bad moves by Jim.

Agreed on the ~~###~~ potential for John N. hurting chances of getting things jarred loose. Do not agree with your analysis in your next paragraph. I accept your description since it is the one I expected and most people feel that way, but do not think that it is the best approach. Any excess of emotion over this situation (and excess is best defined functionally by how much you feel it) is not justified in rational terms because that emotion cannot change anything and may in fact hinder your work. I disagree that anxiety has not affected your work. It has cost you money, time, concern, and the symptoms it has brought on have caused more worry, loss of time, etc. Again, I apologize for not being able to communicate better, but I have never discussed such things in writing.

If you are right that there was no hyperventillation EEG, then that should be done. Ask about that. Whether you did any hyperventillating that morning is hard to determine now, since it is an unconscious thing which you have just recently learned to monitor. Changing medication to Valium or Librium is a good idea, but you are going to have to practice cooling off more on your own when trouble arises and channeling your tension into work because these are not quite as strong as what you were taking. They may be just as effective since the mode of action is slightly different. To tell you the truth, I was surprised that you were not on one of these, but didn't think anything would be accomplished by asking you about it at the time.

Your letter of 2/13: the new doctor sounds more competent--thoroughness is one of the best ways to judge Harold--a very experienced man sometimes sets his mind too soon and ignores things because they are unlikely, and thus misses--the Mayo Clinic is good because it offers one thing--thoroughness. If I worked there, and I could, my ability would be no greater, but I would be far more thorough. He has given good advice in regard to followup. Smart to wait on a Psych consult. Don't worry about getting in touch fast--that won't make the big difference it would seem to make. I hope that they rule out metabolic things carefully, like hypoglycemia. If they are present they are very easy to deal with in general.

On the other physical sensations, your personality type predisposes you to pay more attention to somatic things and physical feedback via your general internal sensory system, especially when worried or under stress. Be aware that some of the things or sensations you feel are the result of your hyper-awareness of normal bodily feedback due to your concern about not knowing what is wrong. The sugar tolerance test should clearup the hypoglycemia question. You might be interested in knowing that yours truly solved a big psychiatric question the other day which dealt with such a problem: a woman came in with severe headaches and other

potentially neurologically based symptoms. The consult asked for both brain damage testing and personality testing to try to look for organic disorder of the brain or evidence for a personality type which might produce such symptoms due to emotional stress. During the interview the patient mentioned having been diagnosed diabetic just a month before. She was a poor person who naturally got little in the way of medical care and who could live with pain for long periods without complaining. So, I checked the glucose level in her regular test results and found it was way off--in fact, enough so that her ~~life~~ life might even be in jeopardy. The Psychiatrist hadn't yet noted that and hadn't elicited anything about diabetes in the interview. I pointed it out and made note of the fact that all of the symptoms were easily explicable based on diabetes, and that she was probably not properly either a psychiatric or neurological patient. In your case, what I wondered about was the much more common hypoglycemia episodes which can lead to dizziness or drowsiness. Basically, hypoglycemia is when you suddenly don't have enough sugar in your blood.

Well, I've got to go now. Enclosed are self-explanatory carbons of letters to various people. Best wishes to you and Lil.

*Gay*

cc:Paul

Not on carbon to Paul: On your letter of 2/4: I don't know whether Paul knew where that report was misfiled, but I didn't, and so I wonder whether he did. I knew that you got it because of misfiling, but had no idea where. In fact, does anyone else know where it was misfiled. It would, of course, have made more sense to have told Paul than me or Dick or Howard, because Paul knows the files much better. But I just can't imagine Paul sending things to John Nichols, and doubt that they are in touch about anything other than the manuscripts, if they are in touch about that. Furthermore, don't try to make sense out of Nichols behavior. First of all, it may not make any sense. Or, it may make sense for reasons we could never guess. Or, it may be a signal that he is guilty and anxious and doing weird things. Or, it may be purposefully mixed up in order to confuse you. Or, he may be trying to portray himself as a nut. Believe me, in trying to determine motivation from the final behavior we overreach all of our abilities. I am trained in it and wouldn't begin to try in such a bizarre case. His sudden need for something ridiculous may be a false front, or true for some weird reason, or indicate his lack of knowledge and confusion on the subject. One thing I may be able to answer, however, is your question as to why he is asking you. Because he wants to suddenly breach the gap, etc., by exchanging things of little importance and getting to be pals and talking business rather than theft, and doing things which you don't expect. Whether it is conscious or unconscious doesn't matter Harold. You have overlooked what I think is the answer even though you have seen it: the very fact that it is this confusing and ridiculous suggests that guilt or anxiety is functioning on his part. He did it and wrote some of the things he did because he is feeling guilt, anxiety, regardless of what his motives are or how conscious his theft from you was. *But suspicion of Paul*

*is unwarranted.*



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February 17, 1970

Dear Barry, Ernest

It was good to hear from you. I have been very busy or I would have written to you sooner. I had planned to use your parent's address since I assumed that your old Virginia address was probably no good anymore.

I hope that you are getting to see a bit of Spain and other places as long as you're in those sunny waters.

Harold sent me a copy of his letter to you. We are trying to have some people write to me and some to him, and any cross communication be handled indirectly. This is because we each have a better idea who would be the best to answer a certain question, or how to get the info. Both of us are corresponding with far too many people, so we are trying to get our mutual correspondents divided up. Since I have known you longer, it would probably be better for you to direct your inquiries and ideas to me, and then I can answer what I can, and direct the rest to Harold.

Harold's judgment about the changing importance of things in 6 months, is, as usual, the same as mine. Let's wait until you are out before discussing various possibilities.

I have seen Curry's book. How did you manage to get a copy on the ship?

Glad to hear that you got on the radio. I feel the same as Harold does. The more of that which is done the better. People like he and I don't have the time to do the amount which we used to, but it is still valuable. It's also excellent experience in dealing with people--both in terms of the audience calling in and the media type of person you do the show with. If Margaret Hoover ever calls in treat her warmly and say Hello from me.

I don't have time right now to bring you up to date on all that has happened. John Nichols has a suit in court in an attempt to get most of the physical evidence and most of the medical evidence. Harold is threatening the Justice Dept. with suits in a number of areas and clearly has them running scared. Garrison has quieted down and except for an occasional public statement has said little about the case. We can do without his carelessness. Penn Jones has just come out with Forgive My Grief III, which is shorter than the others, and unfortunately has the Bradley stuff (which is grossly incorrect and represents terrible irresponsibility on Penn's part since it is persecutory in nature) and the stuff on the Boxley fiasco. There are some interesting odds and ends though. Harold has completed Coup D'Etat and Post Mortem I, II, and III, but needs publishers. There is much of importance in them but too much to even begin discussing.

Well, I've got to go. Keep in touch. Best wishes.

Larry

February 17, 1970

Dear Dick, *Bernabei*

Thanks for all of the things you have sent. I hereby acknowledge receipt of your fine memo and the addition to it, your letter of Feb. 4 and its enclosure, the carbon of your letter of Dec. 19 to Harold, and the xeroxes of the Nichols letters.

The Nichols thing is beginning to get too complicated for me to completely analyze and grasp. I mean to sit down with all of the stuff and make sure I understand it when I get the chance. I am afraid that my funny premonitions of this October which I couldn't objectify may have had some foundation. Perhaps, no matter what the exact case is, real trouble can be avoided. I hope so, although it is rotten that Harold must exhaust himself just to try to get back what is his.

We now have a free psych clinic going here for the disenfranchised and I get a lot of satisfaction of working with it. We also have an emergency phone service which is free of charge and helping many people out of trouble. I am working full time at my internship now which takes much time, but still keeping some work going on the assassination. As soon as Mary Ferrell gets the followup data to me, I will have many memos on the Dallas trip.

Paul Hoch now has my file on Larry Craford which must be about 170 pages including memos. If you have some particular interest in it you could get him to xerox it at cost. Paul has the cheapest xeroxing around so I plan to try to make sure that he has everything from my files in his so that he can be a central source. I send things like the Craford file to Harold through him so that the copying can be done cheaply.

I trust that you are working hard on your PhD work much in the manner in which I am. The past two years I have really subordinated that work to the assassination work, and I am going to have to cut down on my work on the case somewhat if I expect to get a PhD. I speak only occasionally now, but am doing continual, if somewhat slow, research.

Well, I'd better close now. Thanks for all the stuff. The memo is a first rate piece of work and I will hold it in strictest confidence. Take it easy and don't work so hard.

*Lay*

February 17, 1970

Dear Jerry,

Still a bit pressed for time, but catching up and thought that I would drop you a line. I cannot find my Kara-pat. file so it must have been loaned out. I will check with Paul Hoch and Mary Ferrell.

I still haven't gotten a reply from anyone in California on the details of the showing of the Z film--station, time, etc. It would be important to check with them. I think that the station got it from Bill Turner and have never heard anything about a negative aftermath. I will send you the info as soon as either Paul Hoch or Fred Newcomb come up with it.

If the Z film thing falls through, might I suggest another alternative which would require no risk: use of slides made from LIFE magazine and identified as such. I have done that on TV since there are no legal problems, and they can be convincing, although not as much as the film. They can be loaded right into the camera rather than being shown on the screen. Then there are always slides of bullet 399 and other gems.

For some reason some of my correspondents have been as out of touch as I have and that is why some of the questions I hoped to be able to answer are still vague. Showing the Z film on TV would be a good thing and I would like to help any way I can.

I will now be working full time at the clinic because we are down one psychologist until September. I am very active in a free psychological clinic which helps those who are or who feel disenfranchised. I get more enjoyment from that than my clinic work. All in all I am busy, but still working on some areas of the case, and occasionally speaking. Basically, during past years I have almost totally subordinated my PhD work for the case, and now I am cutting back. Clinical Psych grad students have some of the heaviest schedules going and it is rare for one to be doing much of anything outside his clinical work. Harold, of course, is doing a lot to help keep me involved in things just by keeping in touch and sending me things, even when I cannot send as much in his direction as I would like. Lately I have been bogged down waiting for the followups on my Dallas trip so I can get all those memos done. That has been bugging me because it is unfinished business, and has been unfinished far too long. Believe it or not, by the way, it was just last weekend that I put the bulk of stuff which was disassembled when I went to Dallas back into my files. Filing is a tedious job and the one I let go rather than not keep up with correspondence or research activities.

Well, I'd better close now. I will send the Kara-pat. stuff when I find it or find who has it. Take it easy.

cc: Harold

Jay



Dear Chris: Sickness, car troubles, work load, etc, have kept me Feb. 17, 1970  
from writing and from forwarding the enclosed letter from Harold. Thanks for your letters  
of Nov. 18, Dec. 8, and Feb. 9. (Letter of Dec. 8 to Harold that is.)

Curry's book is a pamphlet, largely of stuff we have seen many times before, which says nothing  
of importance, and is no where near as important as many things you have not yet read. He  
hedges and is probably out after money and getting out onto the fence for history books. I  
can get you a copy if you want it, but it is not really worth your money given the many books  
on the case I assume you have not read.

The Dallas trip was quite successful and I learned a lot, although my car broke down on the  
way back and so the trip turned out to be expensive. I am still following up what I did down  
there and won't have memos ready for a while. The single most impressive thing is how close  
the picket fence is to the street--about twice as close as it looks in any of the photos.  
I would write Penn Jones on your behalf but it wouldn't help since both Harold and I are  
no longer counted among his friends. He has detached from all, or almost all of the other  
critics due to a hassle revolving around the Garrison thing (a friend of his was thrown out  
of the office for screwing up the investigation at the urging of Harold and with the "complicity"  
of a few of the rest of us, and Penn is still raving about it). Write again for Vol. II and  
the newly published Vol. III. Don't mention myself or Harold. Penn always requires several  
letters before he responds.

As for Gun, Oswald did not get a marksmanship medal. The confusion comes from the fact that  
all of the shooting ratings, including the lowest, sound like you're a great shot. Oswald  
was a rotten shot and his buddies went to the range to watch him he was such a joke with a  
rifle (i.e. see Nelson Delgado's version of his rifle ability).

No JFK assassination film is being released in this country. There are copies of the Z  
film, made from a pilfered copy, which are available to critics. It is about 6th generation  
and its individual frames are not as good as many LIFE has published, but it does give you  
many frames LIFE did not publish, and show the thing in motion. If when this letter reaches  
you, you still have not gotten onto someone who is getting you a copy, I will get you one.  
On your analysis of the Connally hit, why not type a stencil and mimeograph it. That will  
cost much less. Do you have any ditto or mimeograph machines available?

You can save yourself cost and trouble by not sending one to LIFE. They have been sent much  
stuff by the critics and have had critics, experts, and others examine the original frames  
which are far clearer than what they look like in the magazine. It would just be filed away  
or end up in the waste basket.

I have the Life and Sat. Evening Post, but will wait to send them until I hear from you on  
the film. It will cost between \$5 and \$10 depending on what is being charged now for the  
copies (I, of course, am not the original source, although I have helped distribute quite  
a few at cost.).

The New York committee and probably Dick Sprague himself are likely pretty inactive now.  
Dick was with it for quite some time but the New York group came in with the Garrison  
boom and did nothing in the way of the serious and hard work which a real critic does.  
They were a publicity group and did some very bad news things in the way of sensationalism  
we didn't need.

Man #2 may be of little or no importance (re. Willis 5). Many think he is a spectator  
and in any event, his face is not visible. LIFE, in 1968, admitted his existence and labeled  
him a spectator. He leaves the stone wall after the car passes and joins Emmet Hudson (the  
groundskeeper) and the other guy under that tree. The removal of the train per se, however,  
does not make much sense. I want to sit down and look it all over again because it makes  
so little sense. What is clear, however, is that photos taken less than a minute apart  
don't all show it, and yet it definitely was there.

I will write the Washington group and have them send you that stuff. Garrison's interview  
with Tom Buchanin, which is that interview I mentioned, was apparently never sent out to  
the people I suggested. It was, however, published in Paris Match as far as I know, or  
some other European publication.

Let me know on the film, and then I will send the magazines. Best wishes and good  
luck in your exams. In the future, unless you have questions which should be put directly  
to Harold, you could correspond with him through me, since he is overburdened and most of  
your questions are just as easy for me to answer. His budget is also severely limited due  
to his incredibly poor financial status--the result of telling it "like it is" and facing  
the government pressure to keep his books off the shelves and unpublished.  
Write when you get the chance.

cc: Harold

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February 17, 1970

Dear Rich, *Edelman*

Sorry to take so long to write. I have a heavy schedule and have lost much time due to the heavy requirements of my job, car troubles in the dead of winter, and a bout with the flu. I received your card of Dec. 17, and your letters of Jan. 8 and 20.

I do know Paul Tress. In my day he was dubbed Paul Trash for his unpredictable behavior.

I have heard the story about Killgallen saying she was going to crack the case from persons other than Harold and Penn, but the original source may have been the same. That makeup man has told others. I'm not sure that Bud sending a letter to Kollmar could do any more than hinder things. The idea of something elaborate like the STIA being involved, as opposed to just a college student, might just scare him off. The Killgallen thing may well be a blind alley, but we won't know until we get to the end of it. Sylvia's enthusiasm for many projects has been low for quite some time and I wonder if she would have said the same thing 3 or 4 years ago. Most of the leads we check out have done little to solve the case, but it is pretty hard to predict the important ones before one follows them to their conclusion.

Lifton's interpretation of the Killgallen things is typically Lifton. It seems a bit far-fetched and is not very logical in my book. Reporters, while they may show enthusiasm for an upcoming column, rarely do too much bragging about sources, particularly if they are excited about them. Of course I agree that it is only theory that if she did make the statement it pertains to Ruby, but it would certainly be interested to see whatever she had, particularly given her promise to dig into the case. Bear in mind that she must have gotten something from Ruby through her own skill, the privacy factor, and the fact that Ruby, judging from his testimony, was in a talking mood.

Sylvia is wrong about the typescripts of the testimony being unavailable. Sylvia knows little about the archives and here is a good example. I was certain that she knew that these things were available. Sylvia's attempts to get documents were likely all many years ago and things change there every year. If you still don't have Thornley's book when you get this letter let me know and I will get the exact address of the publisher and try to order it. It would be worthwhile to compare the book with his published testimony, and then compare the works with the typescript. The last task would probably be the easiest because any changes would be marked on the typescript. Comparison of the first two would take some time.

Agreed on Flammonde and Epstein's biases. Epstein is a terrible liar, and worse than Manchester (who is simply a very sick man) and Bishop

wip is in bad shape too. Agreed on Garrison. He caused much trouble through carelessness and irresponsibility, much of which was encouraged by people like Mark Lane, Mort Sahl, and a few he had working for him. That much was out of our control, and none of us knew the height of it until after the Shaw trial. This, of course, as you point out, in no way changes what the media did, or the fact that some of the media did what they did because they were afraid that he was going to break it open.

Thanks for the Times clipping. Curry's book is of little value, but Harold has spotted some important things in it. It is not really worth having, although it is short and could be read in a short time.

Russell's statement followed much groundwork done by Harold. He is an old man, has lung cancer, and probably feels like clearing his name a bit.

New Classics House must still have copies, or at least should have sent you a letter. Has your check cleared the bank yet, or didn't you send one. They publish mostly girlie magazines, etc.

The trial transcripts from New Orleans are being sold for \$2500 apiece, or at least were going on sale for that price if the court reporting firm could find at least 5 buyers. (It is noteworthy that they told one of my people on the phone that the Ford Foundation had offered something like \$50,000 if they could tape the trial.) You might write Harold about the possibility that he has gotten some from Garrison's office and could arrange for you to get xeroxes at cost. Court ~~###~~ transcripts, unfortunately, are at least double spaced, and just a short piece of testimony would be many many pages, and thus cost much to xerox. But if you are very interested and would put them to some good use, perhaps you should ask Harold about it.

Thanks for Tress and the CIA connection. I may follow it if I have time. Tress is pretty irresponsible, or at least was, and the time involved and dubious source which would most likely result are probably not worth it. Info is no good unless you have some idea as to the qualifications of its source. Perhaps it is worth a try. Most people in left wing movements manage to run into "people with CIA connections," few of whom are legitimate, and if they are legitimate, I would have to assume that they are giving misinformation. Michigan State, of course, is a big CIA hangout.

Well, I hope that you passed your qualifier in French. I had to pass that one too to combine it with my 3 years of H.S. Spanish for qualification in 2 languages.

Keep up the good work and stay in touch.

*Gary*

February 17, 1970

Dr. John Nichols  
U. of Kansas Medical Center  
Kansas City, Kansas 66103

Dear John,

How did I become Mr. Schoener instead of just plain Gary.  
Was that for the purposes of the carbon to Hugh Betzner.

I appreciate your help with the photos and wasn't worried  
about you forgetting. I realize that when two or three people  
try to fit their schedules together it gets pretty difficult  
to get things done.

I anxiously await the photos although their practical value  
may not turn out to be very great. Harold will be the best judge  
of that since he knows names and faces better than I do.

I trust that your case is now in court. If there are ever  
any news clippings I would greatly appreciate them--either from  
the newspaper or good xeroxes. I would then make slides of them  
and add them to my slide presentation. I would appreciate being  
kept informed of any important developments in your suit.

Well, I've got to go. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

*Gary*  
Gary Schoener