

Dear Gary,

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Enclosed is a page of a special issue of Ramparts reviewing the year 1968. It appeared early the next year.

I send it to you not as an accusation but for your information. Were I to send it to Jerry he'd swear I have some deep, sinister, secret accusation in mind. I make no evaluation and consider I am not in a position to.

However, in the light on the only possible consequences of Ned's endeavor and the fact that they did come to pass, I also feel I can't dismiss it out of hand.

Either way, I just don't know. At the same time, I'm not inclined to believe the obvious has to be the case or in fact is.

What complicates it for me is the fact that I considered it right and proper that I work for the CIA's earlier version. Can I consider that what I consider right and proper for me is not the same for another? So, if it is true, there is not yet a judgement in this and if you take it that way, there is nothing I can do about it.

On the return of what you accepted from me in confidence, a matter for which I do hope you will find time and of which I have thought recently, there are some things that, while you got them from me, you did not get for me, and I would not consider these involved. What came to mind is the DeMohrenschildt stuff, that on the Paines, the Mexico travel records, and the old man with the Russian name that escapes me, the one in the Russian hospital with LHO. Jerry started to check out his New York business. Then there was that Arab stuff involving Marina, again the name escaping me. The Arab student in Germany thing. Is it Reggab? I copied these things and probably others for you and Paul.

I do draw a distinction between such things as this and what I asked you and Hal to do for me and you divided between you. For the most part it is likely I would not have any objection to distribution of most of it, but with the recent past so fresh in mind I more than ever assert for myself the right to decide for myself who is honorable, trustworthy, a nut of anything else I might find relevant. When you can do as you have done and Jerry can do so much worse, bringing Lifton in (without audible protest from you or Sylvia, both of whom are in a position to make independent assessments), and when A wecht can reject a Hoffman or me as advisors, assuming he needed any, and can trust instead a Sprague, a Smith and a Fensterwald- and, of course, Lifton - I presume I do not have to argue the point further. These are those with whom you chose to associate yourself, to trust, and with what you very well knew was my work.

You may not yet agree with me, but I think if you do not, you will in time learn that this also serves your personal interest.

There is something I may not have told you that I tell you now if I forgot. When I first learned of this I was dismayed at all the people I've trusted who turned out to be unworthy of trust, then and in the past. Mary had long been silent. She had hundreds of only-copies of pages of my materials and she had not responded to letters for a long time. So, I asked her to please find time for its return. She phoned me and I then learned for the first time what she had assumed Bob Smith had told me, of the tragic accident to her oldest son. She was quite disappointed at what you had done, from my account of it. She was going to phone you. I said it had already been done and discouraged her. I told her that in time I would inform her. Her costs are now enormous and her time more limited. So, when you sent me your letter to the Archives, the yellow copy the return of which you asked, I sent her a copy with that of the page of the inventory. I also sent it to Howard. He was really shocked. Unlike Jerry, Howard has not used his time here for trivialities. He is familiar with my Wecht file, for example, because I did not seek to influence his judgement and decision and, in fact, encouraged him to independence and explained its importance to him at some length. I am sure he will confirm this and more, that he did decide other than he knew I preferred and I then did what I could to help him in that. So, not only van Howard tell you from his own knowledge that what Jerry wrote is false where Howard has knowledge, deliberately deceptive in other areas, but he knows perhaps better than I the details of my relations with Cyril. And Graham, Marshall, the Archives and others. Including inducements offered to me.

I'm really sorry for you. I hope you can do with your own mind and emotions what you do for others. What you did is too out of character for you. If you don't purge yourself now, to yourself, not others, I fear it may later haunt you. Sincerely,