

Dear Jim,      Several updates- PW reprint, Gray Schoener, etc.      10/18/76

Having had no answer from the printer on whether I can safely add another sig to the reprint of PW I've gone over the finished copy, actually retyped rough draft, and cut it to fit the space I have. I finished this just before daylight. I hope I can do the little retyping necessary so I can make it up for the camera today. Then I have a few minor changes to make, in the cover, back-title page, table of contents, etc. I'll not be able to include an index to the addition, I fear. I won't know for sure until I make it up and see exactly how much space I have. If we can include names only we will.

The cover may present a problem. I've not been able to locate the original set work. All those student promises of last year after they did the good job of getting the books ready for Whirlwind have been unfulfilled.

Gary phoned twice last night. It has been so long I didn't recognize his voice. The second call was over something he forgot on his first, that McDonald is still on the stump. A local TV station is considering doing a half-hour special with him. The first was over my asking if he could still offer the kind of medical consultations he wanted me to accept when I had a blackout several years ago and faced the GHA stonewall. It seems that from his checking I'd have to have all the medical records with me. This clearly would be impossible. I never got them all for the local vascular surgeon. He understands what troubles me, the lack of explanations, because the same thing happened to him when he lost his eye. Another disaster almost followed because of this failure, he said.

The changes in him are interesting, all toward greater maturity, some involving a sort of confession. He was close to bitter about Cyril, in whom he apparently invested much time and effort. It seems that Cyril was to have prepared a definitive statement after the examination of those autopsy records, and that what he was to have done was all laid out in advance. He never did it, not in any sense or way.

His experiences with Schweiker were like mine only he took a long time to learn. They appear to have had much contact. Gary says he came to feel that Schweiker never listened. He is disgusted at the report.

He had a similar experience with the SatEvePost and Cory Servass (?). She was hot after him for a story on the so-called mysterious deaths after the death or killing of a niece for some reason turned her on. When she pressed Gary he did a long outline. That excited her. When he then took about three weeks to do the story and it was faithful to the outline she cooled. A word in a year save that Beth has asked if Bud can use it in "his" book. The Bud-SatEvePost connection thus becomes clear. Gary finally concluded as I had long ago, that Penn is irrational and that while there may be some questions in a few cases only, each of these has another explanation, another and more likely cause of the death or killing. Naturally the SatEvePost had no interest. It is reasonable. However, this reminds me of Jerry's connections, as with New Times and Village Voice. I expect neither wants anything to do with me, especially not anyone Anson-connected, I do think there are two good stories in this PA addition. The first is on the suppressed CIA evidence in the Zapruder film, the other on how they connived with Dulles to avoid facing the reason Oswald and Nosenko issues and how both Commissions went along. The so-called experts have missed one entirely, the other largely and months late. I'd be content for them to rewrite for magazine rather than book epilogue use if they pay decently. I'd provide copies of the records, some of which I'm using in facsimile. Both, of course, expose both Commissions and Schweiker, the Rockefeller Commission and Schweiker both having suppressed this to Ford's benefit. As I say.

The first call lasted about an hour. We talked about much else. But I'll not be stopping in Mpls while in Wisconsin. There will be no point in it now. He seems to be in touch with Jerry and to stay busy at his work. I've suggested that if his TV station wants to use McDonald they use me at the same time and I can make it on that trip. It won't happen, of course. It may help end that added deception of people. Interesting that McD continues these efforts when they not can't help his book unless he thinks the House committee will give it a new life. Can't sell enough to return his costs. Best,