

MAYO MEMORIAL BUILDING - MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55455

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Dear Harold,

I filed my income tax just yesterday. After much worrying and putting together financial records, I discovered that things that people give me as gifts are tax-free. What keeps my research going is continual gifts of money and things, but I had never kept records, forgetting about taxes.

With Sirhan, as I suggested before, Newsweek raised just the questions you raised about the effect of the trial on public evaluation of psychiatric testimony. One of the most way out things, in case I didn't mention it, was the use of what Sirhan said under hypnosis. First of all, it is interesting that everyone was concerned about Russo in the Shaw case, but not the same thing in the Sirhan case. Secondly, the media played tapes of these sessions on the air which was a disgusting violation of every ethical principal in the book.

The judge's letter was really something. I can send you the Life stuff on King, but won't have time to mail it until I return. Matt should have some good photos since that was his job.

Lifton is a mystery to me. I understand his views on Thornley given Thornley's capabilities (inferred from what I know of him) to be very convincing and the fact that Dave was apparently quite close to he and his wife. On the case he still works hard although I don't know much about what he has. In the strictest confidence you should know that he claims to have a manuscript ready for a publisher within a few months. He feels that it was done probably by the CIA or someone like that, but directed by Johnson, and Rusk and Fred Korth and others. He claims to have 100% solid stuff on this, and that he has had it since 1965 and been guarding it zealously. He has done a great deal of Archives research and knows a lot about the military men in the autopsy room, has interviewed Burkley, etc. But I know no specifics, only general things. The men in the trees according to what he has told me play no part. Fred says that he admitted the other night to having told me things to throw me off because he knows that I know the case well and also understand the Archives, and therefore he is afraid that I will feret out his gem of info which he is guarding. He says that after many dealings with Liebler he realized that Liebler was an SOB, but also mentioned that Liebler knew a little of his book and said that when the thing is published he may change sides of the fence. Please keep this stuff to yourself because Dave and Sylvia have their own intelligence agency and if this gets back I will learn nothing else from him. He is scared to death of you finding out about any of his stuff and using it. Right now I am anxious for him to get the damn book