

Mary, Paul, Gary, Dick, Howard - Report from the Caesar's wife's skirts dept-Skolnick.

There is little now missing from the file I've collected. I remain somewhat troubled that the government has not moved to get the case dismissed, which would be automatic, and a bit apprehensive that they may seek to force it to trial, which would be more hurtful. Time has almost expired. They still have a week. It is possible there has been unreported action.

As you know, there never was any doubt, however, I now have his note of thanks to the guy from whom he got it, that guy's indignant (and unanswered) letter protesting his unauthorized use and reminding Skolnick he had gotten this subject to certain conditions, including first of all, my permission, to be obtained by phone and then no public use, carefully explained, only the continued investigation Skolnick promised. I have copies of the documents as he received them, before he removed certain marks (but not enough, huh?).

There are a few minor things some of you are checking, and I have a few mind-blowing tapes of him and others. Someday I think I'd like to do a tape like a record putting all this together. I think it would be delightful and, if it ever got around, would discourage others who might be tempted to the same kind of cheapster dishonesties. The unkindest thing I could do would be to say no single unkind thing about him, merely quote him on himself, in his own voice and words, with another truth due to follow, of direct quotation of others, usually in their own voice. But unless the Facts decide to use him (or have already), the only damage will be to me. And that I do propose to do something about, if I can get the fare to Chicago at the appropriate time. I suggest that even if there is no federal use of the possibilities he presents, there is one of importance to us, allowing us to establish that all we seek and what we do seek is truth and that we oppose and will do what we can to oppose falsification, misrepresentation, the misuse of this solemn subject for cheap publicity and the needless defamations to which he has also stooped. It gives us a chance to establish in the public and some official minds that we are what we think we are and are willing to go to some trouble to make it both clear and a matter of record.

Best,