

6/19/70

Dear Paul, Re Ed Skolnick memo of 6/12/70

Your reasoning on the "Murt Slip" is logical and what you believe to be the case is entirely consistent with what I have reason to believe. Let me add several things:

While we know who he was in touch with on this slip, he was also in touch with at least one other, someone who gave directions, in handwriting, to "Hazel", on how to send the copy to him. My guesses would include Rosmar. I have his copy with this note added.

I take the strongest possible exception to the last sentence, beginning, "If Skolnick's suit is not thrown out of court, I think we should consider providing this information to Skolnick..."

There are no circumstances where any of us save me, and then because of what he has done to me and what I want to do in court, who should have anything to do with him. His record should be enough to alert you to this. He is more than merely dishonest. It is not possible to reason with him. More, he exploits, nay, boasts indecently about all the nonsensical letters the eminences have addressed to him. You should hear how he holds himself forth, the savior of us all, the only one who can save us from our own ignorance and incompetence, the only one with the understanding needed to "unvove" and make sense, etc. It is beyond belief. But I have it, on taps, as he does it, and there is worse I do not have.

I am trying to get into court against him, in Chicago, but am without the means of a) posting the required bond for \$250.00, required of the out-of-state, and then of the means of getting there. But I am trying. My most recent communication from the clerk of the court arrived today.

We seem, on our side, to range from hopeless paranoids, who suspect everything and everyone, to those who cannot recognize a crook when he clubs them with his dishonesty. There is no possibility of doing any good with or through a spurious suit or the one who would file it. It is like cohabitating with an adder. The only possibility of the entire mess is harm, unless we can forestall the inevitable, and that cannot be done by trying to tell him the truth. In that he has no more interest now than he had to begin with.

The only way to communicate any of this to the court is by being a witness or filing a suit. These things I am still trying to do. The only doubts in my mind now are whether we'll be hurt worse by the case being tossed out or by DJ forcing it to trial. In either case, the only one not hurt is Skolnick, whose unvarying pose is that of martyr for the people. How can he lose? I also wonder at federal silence, dismissal of his suit being automatic on motion--and the time for such motions being more than ten days past.

Skolnick is so corroded with his sick ego he is now calling the man whose introducing him to my friend led him to this, the biggest publicity he ever had, another government agent. This is in addition to the Chicago conspiracy defendants.

Please leave him entirely alone and encourage those to whom you sent this memo to do anything but follow that suggestion. He knew what he was doing when he did it. This is why he did it, not through carelessness. He is trying to get off this, knowing what shape he is now in. That would be great. Let it happen without molestation, please.

Sincerely,