

10/2/68

Dear Dick,

I spoke to Bud today.

Some time ago, I had a very nice phone call from Mrs. Pomerance. She then asked me to let her know in advance of my coming to New York so she could have a dinner where some of her friends could meet me and ask questions of me. The only name she mentioned is that of Max Lerner. Of course, I have limitless confidence in him.

I now have three unpublished books. I think that the content of at least one will appeal to her very much. However, because it is unpublished and because so much of my stuff has been stolen, I would be unwilling to speak freely unless she were confident there would be no leaks.

I have been in New York only once or twice since then. Only once have I known in advance, and that trip there was no time to meet anyone. However, Trent has asked me to be in New York 11/22 and I have agreed if it is possible. That is a Friday, so I presume I could be free Saturday and at her service. I would like very much to meet Mrs. Pomerance and to let her know what some of my unpublished material involves. It is, in some ways, the worst yet. Really sickening and awful, after what I have published, over what you have seen. If you are there, as I think would be fine, the same strictures will apply to you. I think you will want to know, too.

As of now, I leave for California (SF) 10/21, thence go south, leave LA 11/5, for N.O., and return about 11/10. I have ~~made~~ an appointment that now is very important. I'll be snowed under until I leave for New York. If this appointment works out, I may not be able to get to New York. It can be that significant.

Bernebe has asked me if I have anything new on Seymour and told me why. I doubt your suspicion, not on fact but on logic. They cannot be that stupid, in my belief, nor Seymour that careless, after his one close call.

Anything new?

CC Bud

Sincerely,

Harold