

JDW, Further on my 3/11/73 comment on your 3/6 re Hearst:

NBC TV edited out less of Randolph's statement that his daughter did not participate in her own kidnapping and was not an SLA member. The part NBC used that CBS did not has him saying that all "kids" today are "liberals." He was saying his own daughter, too. Wise father? But being a liberal does not mean she is SLA or selfnapper.

How do we know who Raznikov really is? Randy the PooHpooh?

HW 3/11/74

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Dear Harold:

Thanks for your letter of March 2, the one with the bad news about the plumbing. Hope it wasn't as bad as it seemed and that you now are again with water rather than without.


I was particularly glad to have what appears to be your agreement with my doubts about Knowland. In the last mailing we sent you a columnist's squib about a compiler of obits getting a reaction from Knowland that was anything but suicidal.

Regardless of the fact that Byck's adventure at the Baltimore airport threatened no press figure, we are inclined to include both Byck and the kid who landed the chopper on the WH lawn as parts of the same series along with Hearst, Murphy, Knowland and now, Mar. 6, the story in today's Chronicle from Akron, Ohio, about the threat to kidnap the son of the publisher of the Beacon-Journal.

If there is actually a pattern in all these things it raises the questions of who is carrying on for the Plumbers and their associates. Incidentally, we suggest that both Byck and the chopper lad exhibited behavior which fits the post-hypnotic suggestion pattern of Sirhan and Bremer. Might think about it.

We have the NY Times for the 28th (but not the WXPost yet) and the only thing in the Times about the RFK papers is a very short AP story from Waltham, Mass., only three grafs long, which appears to tell nothing beyond the fact that some papers are being released. I'll copy it with the next lot of things to copy and send it along for the record.

We are inclined to think the SLA may be keeping silent re Miss Hearst for more than one reason, but mostly because they may think Hearst disobeyed their instructions. Remember that after he came up with the \$2 million plan and they demanded \$4 million more as a good faith gesture, they repeated their warnings to follow instructions to the letter. Well, Hearst replied that that the \$4 million was beyond him, and turned the matter over to the Hearst Corp., which said it would provide it IF Patricia were released first. This put the Hearsts in the position of telling the SLA what would and would not be done, and the SLA has done exactly what it said it would do in such case, broken off communications. In her last tape Patricia specifically warned against stupid tricks and said the SLA would do exactly what it said it would. The Hearsts (through publisher Charles ~~xxxx~~ Gould) changed their line only after Kelley and Saxbe came to LA, loudly proclaiming that the trip had nothing to do with the Hearst case, but which no one believes. Frankly, I cannot be surprised that the SLA is silent.

Your mention of Stanford Research Institute in connection with GL's new tape expert and psychic research leads me to caution not to downgrade this psychic research thing. Actually, it's para-psychology, including telekinesis, telepathy and all such stuff. SRI is a big and prestigious outfit, as you no doubt know, which had to be separated from Stanford U at student and faculty demand because it was doing so much war-related research for the govt. I have no doubt their para-psychological work is well-funded through the type of foundations we all have come to know something about. The Russians appear to be well ahead of us in learning what there is to know about telekinesis and telepathy and possible military and space applications. Best,  jdw

Dear Jim,

3/11/74

The enclosures with your 3/6, here today, look very interesting. (Apologies- periodically I get a ribbon the grommets of which slip through and the dealer has not been able to fix it.) But because with 1 1/2 hands I have much I must do outside, I begin to respond to the letter on a break from it.

We seem to be having an extraordinarily early season. It caught me by surprise, I guess one of the reasons I worked too long without a break yesterday and probably ~~grows~~ grew a bit careless over it. The dwarf fruit ~~xxxx~~ trees are showing color through tight buds, things like that. (With a 20° reading long after sunup I wonder ...)

So, I must finish cleaning up after my clearing operations and get to spring work. This includes planting what I could save of what the backhoe took up. I've done about all the grading.

No, the plumbing hurt. Without yet having built a new wellpit the cost is over \$500. But we do have water, thanks.

The pattern you speak of is there. There is an additional pattern, one that repeats itself as this one does. It could be part of the same.

The real problem comes from the probability of the sick getting turned on. I've had a fair amount of experience with this with people turned on by the assassinations who have been in touch with me. They are not uncommon, alas.

We now have I think three news people involved, none from liberal ownership or what the rational would call liberal policies. Of these the one where reasoning can be detected, rational reasoning, is the one where so many questions exist. Knowland. No, four, Hearst. Anything but liberal, too. (The wife was incredible as aired on TV this a.m., even for the farright ~~xxx~~ unreasonable, making me think she is the unthinking.)

This whole thing got a little more complicated for me this a.m. when I heard the new, the clear Pat Hearst tape. To believe what she said is her own belief is to consider that she was part of the kidnapping. The believe that she said what she was told to say is not hard.

Some of the kids of the farright are in sometimes unrecognized protest. What they have been told is the way it is they can't accept and they can't confront loving wrong parents.

Aside as a sample: Judy, the sweet and pleasant young woman who is consolidating the index cards, appears to come from very conservative Pennsylvania Dutch stock. I have seen less of her lately because mid-term work has been dumped on with vengeance. But she wanted to come and cook manicottis for us, so this week I got the makins and she did come yesterday. As I'd told you, the local formerly all-girl's college (which still has almost no men students) went streaking I think last Wednesday night, maybe 15% of them. Now this school was established for and caters to the conservative. I believe this is the largest percentage of any college to streak. This is more exceptional because all were women with the possible exception of two men who could have been townies. Why among women's colleges, no report of which I am aware of any streaking where the liberals send their daughters? And why so large a percentage here?

I had a notion that one of the other students I'd met went for it. I asked and Judy confirmed. She is the daughter of a real ultra. I'll see her soon and I'll ask motive. There may be none or none of ~~xxxx~~ which she is aware.

These kids are too bright to go for the rubbish that is the faith of their parents. Why not the Hearst kid?

On it, I agree with your analysis of Hearstian stupidity. I saw it the same stupid way when pater stalked off TV to be followed by hireling. This was a foolish posturing that had to have been recognized as having the potential you outline. I see no need for this arrogant challenge. If Hearst lacked the funds himself he could have apssed off other funding as his or he could have just ignored the difference. Or he could have made secret deals on funding. Whatever the answer, it represents the kind of thinking no sane kid could live with today.

All of this is further complicated by the special needs of the spocks, who are in veery serious trouble is a single major element of the media or a single articulate legislator sounds off, and by the urgencies of the dangerously sick GL. If the Congress and the media (note early a.m. Newsweek comments) or even either did the possible ~~hexx~~ is done save for a coup. (I will address several things separately.) "heels within...best

SLA-Type Letter Sent To Senator

Post 3/5/74

Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho) has received a threatening letter signed with the name used by a figure in the West Coast kidnaping of Patricia Hearst.

The mimeographed letter, signed "Field Marshal Cinque," was received at Church's Boise office in a pre-canceled envelope yesterday morning. Church's aides in Boise turned it over to the FBI, which said it was studying the letter for possible violations of federal law.

Church's office said it doesn't know who sent the letter or whether the sender is involved in the kidnaping.

"Field Marshal Cinque" was the name used by the speaker on tape recordings addressed to publisher Randolph A. Hearst outlining the Symbionese Liberation Army's conditions for release of Miss

Hearst, abducted in Berkeley, Calif., Feb. 4.

The document sent to Church makes no demands on the senator, who has been a strong backer of civil-rights legislation throughout his Senate career. But it ends, "I am that nigger that hunts you now."

It reads: "You should also demonstrate that you are not only concerned with freeing and making a better life for all people. However, you have seemingly said by your actions that you know me and therefore you do not have to repent for your crimes. However, to this I will say, you do indeed know me, you have always known me. I am that nigger you have hunted and feared night and day. I am that nigger you have killed hundreds of my people in a vain hope of [unreadable]. I am the nigger that is no longer just hunted, robbed and murdered. I am that nigger that hunts you now. [signed] "Field Marshal Cinque."

Over the weekend, five New England governors said they had received letters purportedly from the SLA. Those letters, like the one to Church, were similar to the last SLA communication to the Hearsts.

In San Francisco yesterday, Miss Hearst's kidnapers ignored a weekend plea from her parents that their daughter be allowed to send a note or tape recording to them.

Dear Walter,

5/5/74

One aspect of what I have in mind in a book on the paramilitary right is terrorism. One aspect of terrorism is kidnapping. Kidnapping and assassinations, while in the public mind more often associated with the left, are foreign to it until the futile kids turned to that futility, and even there not without an assist from the right, surprising as this may seem.

To the best of my knowledge, there has been no definitive work on this.

I regard it as a more serious problem now than ever before for reasons I will not take our time for now.

The enclosed story from this morning's Washington Post addresses what I told you when we spoke and when this was unreported because it had not happened. These things are copied. They are never singles.

Like the initial plane hijackings. Like the ramifications on them by the Arabs and others.

Whether or not the SIA is really revolutionary left, and I am not persuaded that it is, I think you may have no great trouble considering that the enclosed story not only is not on its acts but is not even consistent with what is known of it.

There was a time when causing violence was official policy. I am not suggesting it is not still. I have no recent knowledge because this is one of many projects I have had to lay aside after considerable work. But within the past completed years there have been bombings by FBI and CIA people, including with materials supplied by the agencies.

The suppression of violence requires authoritarianism. Authoritarianism in the suppression of what hurts people finds popular support. Or, authoritarianism is made acceptable.

This is not a new concept with me. It is in Comm, dating in writing to 1968.

If you retrieve my "minutes" files, as I hope you do, a glance will show the degree of preparation and its sophistication. It is too large to read. But it is not all I have on them alone. It is merely what I got from one source, a former "network" leader.

But just imagine a few thousand determined men of the dedicated wrong prepared with this kind of knowledge and what they can do with it, especially if as is generally the case, they are also unstable and frustrated. The imagine what is the case, that this is but one of many such groups.

As the hijackings proliferated, so do all the similar violences and so in one form or another can we expect kidnappings or substitutes for them, particularly where the right can attribute them to the left.

If these things proceeded on the basis of reason, Jaffe would have been a more logical kidnaper than Murphy.

You should remember that several years ago I had something similar in mind, a book titled Bomb Baby Bomb! This is a natural progression from that. And I have the research for that one done.

So, I'll gladly share what I have for any responsible work.

I do believe that there is now a movie possibility in a definitive, responsible treatment. The movies are changing faster than book publishers. From my experiences I have to conclude that an approach means nothing, but I have two competitive expressions of interest in my King/Ray work. And the rights are all mine. Neither is on my initiative.

I continue on my Watergate work and it continues to produce what is being missed everywhere. (The only good investigators left are people who specialize in the bedrooms.) There is more in the current and more that is not but should be in what you have read than you recall, including before the "hot stuff" what now is hot. As it is gratifying to me to have written so much so soon and not to have a word to change except (alas!) for editorial reasons, so also is it gratifying to go over my notes and find how easy it was to forecast with accuracy what had not happened but did and to have been right almost 100% of the time. What is not gratifying is reviewing all those who would not touch this gold mine...Do not be deceived by the Gee Whizzing over the how intricate and skill and how intelligent none of it is anywhere. Best and only thing.