

Gillie, medical correspondent. London Sunday Times
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Dear Oliver,

My respect for Britain is increased by the fact that your letter of the 28th of November reached me yesterday. May, that it reached me at all! Your people have a stamp I wish ours used. On your envelope, on which you'd typed "By Airmail," it said, "Diverted to surface no postage." Our post office has a new specialty: stamps that don't stick. But they make an extra charge when they return the mail for added postage. Or destroy it.

I'm delighted that you open with, "I feel extremely guilty..." because I can tell myself that an effort to exploit your feeling can be a means of relieving it and thus a favor to you. Maybe even Evans feels a little guilty and maybe even he would like to relieve that burden?

I sent Evans a copy of WHITEMASH IV: TOP SECRET JFK ASSASSINATION TRANSCRIPT. By normal journalistic standards it is loaded with news. By the developments that soon followed - CIA illegal spying on Americans - it was even more newsworthy. However, he did not go for it. Not even when prompted by his own correspondents.

Philip Agee's expose of the CIA from within is now out in England but not here. I'd like very much to have a copy not only because it would be much faster but also because there is a chance of editing here, of deletions. That it is out and what it says has not been reported here despite the topicality.

As a former spook I also confess: the health of society requires more of this. Like Marchetti I was not in the black arts but was an analyst. That is the intelligence need, not dirty works. From my observations, all the dirty works are counter-productive anyway. So I have a general interest in what Agee exposes as well as the possibility of specific interests.

I think Penguin is Agee's publisher.

Your piece "The Will To Live- the Will To Die," is something I look forward to reading. I have seen the workings of the will to die in lower forms of life. And I have had a special interest in what Nixon did that was adverse to his health and could have caused his death - may yet speed it. I'll read this the first time I get tired from too much gathering of wood for the fireplace. Thanks much for it. A friend who is a retired reporter and I have been quite interested in the complex paranoid Nixon personality. He also has been a lifelong negative, a man with a compulsion to tell himself that he really is something, a man who always knew he was not.

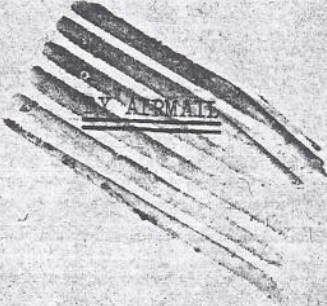
No rush on the JFK materials. Only please do not lose any. One part is the only extra copy, the only copy not the master. I am sorry that no editors or publisher see what I believe is so clear, that without the JFK assassination none of the frightful events that followed would have. From Nixon to this authoritarian spooking on the innocent and against the law and society. To the danger to the world from all of it. I believe that coming events will make this all more topical. I remain convinced that publication of the entire work is essential to the credibility of a condensation and that the condensation had considerable commercial potential. But as of now I can't do anything with or about it. And I can't pay the printer to bring it out myself.

If you can ever find time to make contact with Agee, whose whereabouts are probably well known in reportorial circles, I'd appreciate it if he could answer this simple question, "Do you know of any special address on the Paseo de la Reforma." He might prefer not to answer on his own phone. If he is willing to respond.

We enjoyed your visit and hope that when you are in the US again you'll include another stop here.

Our best,

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Dear Jim,

12/19/74

There will be nothing at The Times of London. Ian McDonald was here for dinner and to leave his dog with us while he and his wife go to England for the holiday. Ian had seen Fred Emory. It boils down to this: they said no and Fred ~~Emory~~ argued, "You are always hollering for something new. Now I give it to you. Yet you won't use it?" If they gave him an explanation, I don't know what it is. If Fred knows when I see him he'll tell me. They probably said they didn't see it as a story for them or something like that. It is a legitimate story, of course, so the refusal seems a bit odd. EW 12/19/74



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Mr. Harold Weisberg,
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Dear Harold,

I feel extremely guilty that I have not replied to your previous letters. The pressures on me since I returned from the United States have been such that it has been impossible for me to give any consideration to your material and how to sell some sort of project or idea within the Sunday Times. I had to finish researching and writing 10,000 words on childbirth, which was rapidly followed by 5,000 words on Nixon and the Will to Live (article enclosed), as well as writing news stories. It was the research on the Will to Live that I was doing when we met in the summer, ~~which~~^{so} just so happens that Nixon was a convenient peg on which to hang the idea of the article. I hope it may be of some interest to you. I am returning the copy of the Russell story and have kept a copy for records.

I am still hoping to get down to thinking about the Kennedy assassination. I have not forgotten the most rewarding time I had with you, and will write at greater length before too long, I hope.

Yours sincerely,

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