

Dear David,

9/9/74

Thanks for 9/7 and enclosed Tatler piece I'll read when I can. I have no objection to stories in such sheets if they are not bad stories. If they paid enough I might want to try to sell some. I know only that Tatler has been heavy on assassinations lately.

If Bud has changed I'm pleased. If he has I'm also surprised. If you said something nice first he followed your lead. I know he respects me and what I do. But we have had our tangles, beginning with CIA.

I miss the time I used to spend reading. I work an extraordinarily long day and daily get a little farther behind. I have Secret Team. But I not can't find time to read all I should ~~write~~ on what I'm working on. I've 2,000 pages of unread FBI reports alone.

Your writing is entirely your own affair. I have no right to intrude into it. I think I was merely trying to explain an ambivalent attitude, while I shun personal publicity there is the need to promote books.

Thanks and best,

7 Sept 1974

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Hi Harold:

Thanks for your letter.

I enclose a clipping from TATTLER in which I was quoted as a source. That is a real switch for me!!! Anyhow, I did help Moulder with this article a bit. Maybe, that was wrong. I dunno. Anyhow, I did.

You should read SECRET TEAM. It spends more time on ~~the~~ the political control of the military than it does on the CIA, per se. After I read your 2nd 'graf of the last letter I wondered if you have ESP or if you had really seen the book!! Seriously, what you ask is what it is about. Honestly, please read it, then give me your comment on its author. I wish you would read the book before you go further on Prouty judgements.

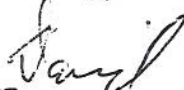
I spent much of last Saturday with B. Fensterwald, and he spent much of the time telling me you were the one researcher who had spent so much time on assassinations without losing your mind. He cited others who had varying degrees of problems--mental, personal, etc., but said you were the most solid, stable, honest, and whatnot researcher. He said what you turned up smacked of veracity. How 'bout that. He did!!

Again, in reading your letter again....please, read SECRET TEAM...then, let me know. I read it, and I also know of some of what he writes. I know of some of the Cuban events which happened. Yes, I do believe him. No, I am not his PR agent.

Your modesty in replying to my request ~~gax~~ to do an article is honest, and confusing. The tone is confusing, frankly. Nevermind. I will do an article, and submit it to you for checking. How's that? Then, I will send what you agree to (no huge promises, here--editorial freedom), to the publisher. Anyhow, you know I believe in what you are doing.

No more to add....I will be pleased to hear from you anytime...but, no hurry. I know you're busy.

Cordially,


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