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Dear Russ,

Your letter of the 6th arrived promptly, but I've been letting mail go to finish the COUP add. Except for one chapter I project on the Sirhan case, which will be kind of anti-climactic, I have. It is a long book in itself, this add, not less than 125,000 words, and I anticipate I'll be adding a few as I read and correct it. Having read none of it, I cannot really estimate what I have done, save on content, and that is hot, ogurwhelming and, and I am confident, persuasive. It should be (but will not be, because almost nothing can be) enough to get Hanes and Foreman in trouble, possibly disbarred, and has enough content, with what we do not have, decent bar associations, to get the prosecutors in trouble. Now I'll start reading it and Lill will soon start retyping. I so wish another could be here to edit, for not only have I written this in haste, but I have been too close to the subject and I haven't felt tiptop during much of it.

Your own affairs sound like they would be interesting if you were not involved in them. That business of the security problem is a cutie.

Your arrangements of a phone and desk space sounds good, but is it nights or are ~~xxx~~ you not working?

Norden is a fink. Sure he loves me. Didn't he help Flammonds rob me in that sycophancy? He and Playboy asked me to help with his Minuteman piece and I did, so the promise to pay the costs was forgotten and then they didn't look at what I got. Stuart is of like character. I'll tell you that one in person some time. But it should be enough for me to tell you that I phoned there at least six time in 1965 and he would not read the book, would not talk about the subject or to me. He is a commercial liberal, only when he thinks it will pay. And a real cheapskate. But do not let that discourage you, because your interests may at some point coincide.

Almost the last night it wasn't too cool for before-bed swimming was the night you two did. That is the one disadvantage of the pleasantly cool night we have been having. I've been swimming for frequent brief intervals during the days, taking atleast one period a day for just lying intae sun, and I feel better for it. We're both oaky.

Best to you both.

Sincerely,

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Dear Harold,

Just a brief note to let you know we're alive and well and still walking around the streets.

I had an induction order for August 4. Everything was ready for me to refuse induction: I had an attorney representing me temporarily, the ACLU was going to take over after the refusal, my temporary attorney had an agreement from the United States Attorney that I wouldn't be arrested, a local peace group had arranged to bail me out if I was arrested in spite of the agreement, Then I got to the security people. I answered the security questionnaire truthfully and put them in quite a state. I had to go back on Tuesday, at which time I was questioned for six hours by two Army Intelligence agents. I had decided on Monday night how much I could tell them about my activities without divulging more than they knew -- so I confined myself to the truth, much of which related to the efforts with the Communist Party, USA, which you may recall I was working on last year. I even got on the record the fact that the CIA Domestic Operations Division killed Malcolm X. Well, now they're going to do a full scale investigation of me, and it's very probably that at the end of the investigation I'll be found unsatisfactory. Even if they do find me to be satisfactory, New York is so backed up in cases that people who refuse induction aren't being tried until a year or two after their refusal, if at all.

A local peace group has given a desk and a phone from which to organize the U.N. plan. It's looking very good. They are helping me raise money, with a goal of having the necessary funds by September. So far it looks very good. New York radicals seem to be starved for new ideas and enthusiasm, so that's working for me.

Last week I spoke to Eric Norden, who, acting as though he were your greatest admirer suggested that the publisher Lyle Stuart might be interested in publishing you. He (Norden) is moving to Chicago -- apparently he's going fulltime with Playboy.

I'll keep you informed as things develop about this U.N. plan. Obviously, if we get the money and get going, I'd like some help from you, and obviously we'd be able to pay you for that help, so it might take up some of the slack in your budget for a while. Let's hope so, anyhow.

I've sent those articles about germ warfare that I'd told you about. I haven't had a chance to copy that other article about the RFK assassination, because the damn thing is 13 pages long and I haven't been able to get to the copier for that long. Maybe next week.

