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Dear Russ,

Your change seems to be for the better. Hope it works out that way.

Any talk show, especially one that has deteriorated, offers challenge and possibilities.

Nothing can now be done about the Greenwich Village bombing for several reasons. I thought I had explained in part. I have turned over all the research on The Informers to this friend, a young lawyer. Until he cleans up what he has scheduled, he can't even begin to think of writing or even ~~at~~ of looking at files. I need a couple back to use in brief form in what I'm now writing, but he can't take time to dig them out. He was up here on these legal matters yesterday and I didn't even raise the question. He has deadlines to meet, and with the courts they are inflexible. These also relate to significant matters that can well become precedent.

Further, we think we have identified that mystery man. This requires further work we have begun but have not been able to go forward with. We think he appeared in a court case as a federal fink. So, we have to get and examine those records. Until then we don't know whether our theory is valid. It would be unwise to blow the possibilities of this, which could be quite a sensation, for a little publicity now. And he can't take time for that at this juncture anyway.

Before these court developments (Ray) he had planned to begin the book pronto. He had planned to do that chapter first, to attract attention and the possibility of a market for the book. Then there came this possibility of identifying the guy, so he did no more because that is more important. This is to say that if an FBI was responsible for that tragedy, it means much more than if a Minuteman did.

You don't identify the station you are with. From its age, I guess it is not a daytimer.

I still have not heard from the ACLU on their filing a privacy suit for me. If they nix, and they seemed interested, I think I have a young lawyer who will do it.

Other than this, save that I stay too busy and am deep into a Watergate book I've been writing much too fast and will have to stop and go over from the beginning, little new here.

Our best to you both,

9-1-73

Dear Harold,

Well , relocated here in Allentown -- working very hard as a full time newsman plus running a telephone call in program. The phone program right now is on once a week, for five hours, all night. It's possibly not going to stay like that, though, and will likely be moved to Sunday evening for five hours. In your last letter you mentioned a friend who's doing a book called "The Informers," and you said that he would be doing a piece ~~■~~ for a magazine in hope of attracting attention for the book. As you know, I've been interested in this subject of the house in Greenwich Village especially, and would like very much to be put in touch with this person to have him on the program -- either live, via phone or on tape. Unfortunately the station doesn't have a budget for bringing anybody here, so it'd more likely have to be something where I'd sit down and interview him and play the tape on the air then invite comments -- we also don't have the facility for conference calls. I'd like to obtain at least the conference call facility, but we have to see how the program is going to do and where it's going to be before we discuss it. The program has been on this station for more than 20 years, but it used to be on 5 nights a week one and a half hours a night -- in the past three or four years it went steadily downhill in listenership to the point where it showed up really badly in the ratings -- they can't drop it, but they don't feel they can continue to keep it on at that hour, so if I can do something to generate excitement and interest in the time they give me then maybe I can expand its horizons some.

You also mentioned in that letter the lack of interest on the part of Boudin -- as you know I've never had much use for that whole crowd and I've never thought any of them really knew what was going on, or even cared.

Hope everything is well for you -- how is Lil?

I stopped last week to visit my old friends at Radio TV Reports. That place in New York has become a true business, and is burgeoning into a sizeable organization. I was talking to their engineering in a work room where he has equipment that he's working on or planning to use for something, or trying to fix, and he pointed out to me that in that room there was \$100,000 worth of equipment. Dave, the owner was vacation so I missed him.

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