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Dear Russ we have a plumbing emergency. Fortunately, two of them came at one time, which economizes on the \$8 per hour charge of each of two men, so I must watch what is going on. Hence this will have to be brief. If I did not regard it as important, I'd not now be taking my eye from them. But I want to be able to mail this when I leave this p.m.

In this morning's mail I have a copy of the "Daily Calumet" dated 4/7. It took only five days in the mail. Briefly, it gives other accounts of the fantastic, completely incredible things Skolnick is doing and saying. If he is not an agent, it makes no difference, for no paid, official agent could be more effective in what he is accomplishing. This includes:

Undermining any and every suit that will ever be filed for the real suppressions, and destroying the credibility of everyone filing any. As you know, I have filed one, am prepared to file another immediately I get a letter, the first should be in court any day, and I plan and have done an enormous amount of work on an entire series.

Destroying any possibility of having anything believed about Groth, if he was an more than a cop. After all these charges then cannot have any basis in fact, I think it unlikely any valid charge against him will be credited. This also provides a ready-made answer for any charge, "like...." and then a direct quotation of Skolnick's.

Nothing he could do could more effectively interfere with certain things I have brought to a successful hear after a very great amount of time and work., I cannot go into this here, but there is little doubt certain agencies are 100% aware of it and 100% unhappy about it.

In short, he has stolen my valid stuff and smeared it with the rotten horseshit his sick mind could dedicate.

Add this to what I have already told you and you should see my concern is very real, the hazard very great.

Spilt milk is for cats, Let's not worry about the mistakes we're made. Instead, let us, immediately, start doing what we can to frustrate this danger. This means you have to start doing something, immediately. You have not responded to any of my letters or requests. I ask that you do one of two things: get here immediately, so we can go over all this together, or give me a full, written, detailed account, with all dates and names, as soon as possible. And, please try and do those things I have asked through your remaining Chicago contacts.

This is now a very serious, very evil business. It can no longer be dismissed as just another ego trip by a guy who needs them like you and I need air. If you do not do as I ask, and promptly, you may be responsible for much greater harm than you understand, and in this case it will not be innocent. I do not think you'll want that to plague you - or me - or what so many of us have worked so hard to accomplish.

So, please, DO IT NOW!

Best to both,