

7/6/68, 10:20p

Marge and I had just returned when D phoned to chat with me. When I got to the phone, having been slightly delayed, she was in conversation with a man or men whom then seem to have left. She was kidding me about "Thornley's" writing and suit and then got what she had earlier alluded to.

What she read from does include what I wrote Open City in response to the two issues devoted to him. It appears, she said, in the issues of 6/28 and 7/4. The paper apparently sent Thornley the letters I wrote. The address is 4369 Melrose, LA 90029.

While she was talking the St. Charles streetcar clanged its bell. She asked me if I heard it.

One of the interesting thoughts that occurred to me when I heard the drivvel Thornley has written and that is in his petition is that they are not aware of the door they are opening in some of the stuff they go into. If this does happen in court, it may be little added embarrassment to Thornley, but it will be considerable embarrassment to the other side and to Bolton and Clark, as the memos I have already filed, the contents of which, naturally, are known to Garrison, will show. There also were two witnesses. This incident will also show that rather than being an enemy to Thornley, Barbara was so much his friend that when Bolton said, rightly, that Thornley hated Kennedy, she signalled me madly from behind his back that it wasn't so. When we left she explained to Lynn Coisel, who had given us a ride at my request and who I had invited in to meet Bolton and Clark, and to me that Thornley was not anti-Kennedy.

Most of what she read is nasty distortion or lies about me and cracks at Barbara. This includes veiled references to what I assume are letters to Dave Lifton and Fred Nemcomb in which I said they might not know another side of "Thornley", that they should satisfy themselves that what they knew is all there is to know. The only other letter I recall writing is to Paul Hoch, who had written me that being a bum is not being guilty, re KT. I doubt if Paul gave K that letter and my recollection of its contents seem to eliminate it.

It includes referance to what he says is a letter I wrote wrote allegedly an DA stationery. I did not use the name of the DA office in any way suggesting that I was connected with it and I did not write a letter. It was an unsigned memo. In any event, what I did was carefully designed for KT's protection, not ffaming.

D said I was her friend, KT was her friend, and she was remaining neutral. I told her I agreed with this position.