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Dear Ed,

While brushing my teeth preparatory to bed last night I heard a brief item on the late TV news that Skolnick is filing or has filed a suit against the Archives for suppressing the threat against the President by Valle in 1963, complete with the details in my book!

Now the one place such a suit cannot be laid is against the Archives. That bastard doesn't know it, but everything federal in origin that he stole from me came from the Archives! There is but a custodial role in almost all cases, and in these exceptions I am going through the great tedium of preparing for suit.

I called a Chicago reporter friend who knew for a long while I was working on Valle, having asked his help on one aspect. He had interviewed and aired Skolnick, who gave him the impression we were the closest and the greatest buddies, etc.

Skolnick cannot possibly have a suit under the Freedom of Information Act, which I've had to study. The net effect of what he has done is to destroy the credibility of all of us, undermine all serious efforts, and to give a credibility to the government it cannot get in any other way.

So, aside from being a crook, he is by role if not fact, what he accuses everyone else of being, an "agent". He is the kind of man who will become candidate for the kind of writing in which you are engaged.

However, this makes sense of Ed Lucht's and the station's behavior. Their quid pro quo becomes apparent. I'd like you, please, to try and find out if they are weaving their own laurel wreaths for me.

I think this will require that I sue, not only because I have been damaged but to end the hurt this ego-tripper has caused and will yet cause.

I hope this isn't too incomprehensible. The sun is not yet up and I've got to leave for Washington for a brain-wave and other medical tests, etc.

But how ironic it is, I file legitimate and serious suit against the Justice Dept, which is responsible for the suppressions, and it is totally suppressed, and this whore comes along, does nothing and does that wrong (shielding the Justice Dept) and gets a nationwide play! It is just like them with the Mafia: everyone else is responsible, only not Justice, whose abdications make the Mafia and the corruption not only possible but the way of life.

I cannot but wonder is Skolnick more than an ego-tripper?

Thanks for anything you can do. Got the clip and the returned carbon.

Sincerely,