

1/28/67

Dear Hal,

The stationery is almost a gift, which makes me happy. Your letter of 1/15 arrived today, rather long for even an inefficient post office. The Capitol staff is welcome. They are terrible people, really wretched. Hadn't seen it.

Your analysis of the public attitude is to a large degree correct. The stations are not getting new audiences. People write me in too great number, for they write letters that really require answer, and I've no time for that, though I take it.

At the moment, I do not want to do anything to attract attention to that revolving whitewash. Lewis had a really scurrilous piece in the Sunday World Journal Telegram that I've not seen. I believe the record is so extreme it is self-defeating.

The meeting with Castor has yet to come off because he or I have been away when our mutual friend has been available, and when we've been available he was in the hospital. I'm not pushing.

Glad the Citizens's Committee is reactivating. I think the ultimate effect of the Manchester peise will be good, for he is more wrong than anyone on the assassination part.

I've gotten a print of 749 made from the negative. It is not conclusive to me. If it is a doctoring, it is a remarkably careful one. I haven't yet doped out the left hand.

No papers mentioning the Barb or that I can attribute to it.

On the phone KCBS show there was a man who had pictures of the assassination scene who got disconnected. I hope they got through to him. Could be very good. In checking up on the Dolan call, I find considerably confirmation in Thornley.

I've been doing a long piece on Manchester on the assassination only. He is almost 100% wrong, rather a record.

I've been tossed off the next TV special following my debate with Nizer on WOR, which set some kind of record there. This was to have been a show for which I'd get paid, the remnant of the Commission show. First they rang Lane in (he was not in there when he'd have been alone against all those lawyers. Now that there is nobody except Nizer, who is as able as he is unscrupulous, but who doesn't know the subject at all, they've bounced me and are giving it all to Lane. Hope is it less than a disaster. I don't think Nizer will forget me. The radio show we did last week was to have been two hours daytime. They ran it four and pre-empted four more at night for a rerun, setting a record on the daytime show for phone calls, 7,000 an hour. Nizer is corrupt. He corrupted the radio show and I suspect he has this. A real bastard who has no illusions about himself, which adds to his ability to conceive and execute evil things.

Hope you get your job. Keating has apparently lost his interest in talking to me. I've heard nothing further. My recent work in the archive has been fruitful.

Regards to everyone.

January 15, 1967

Dear Harold,

Please forgive the delay in not answering you sooner than this but from now on I shall write more promptly in reply to your letters. I have been looking in to other matters unconnected with the assassination and it has prevented me from doing the work that I feel should be done in that matter.

One of the concerns I was involved in was looking around for some employment so that I can get back on my feet again. As you know this is a time-consuming business and a necessary one. Once I do find something worthwhile I shall be able to look into those things that demand attention.

I spoke with Carl Young at KCBS after I got your letter and he told me that he had you on last Wednesday night. Young tried to get in touch with me but I was at S.F. State College that night presiding over the course I give there each Wednesday. So I didn't hear you at all and Young told me about it the very next day. Wish that I could have heard the program.

Incidentally, I asked Young as well as other ~~xxxx~~ KC's of the talk programs how your last visit here went and they said, generally, that audience reaction was good but not out of the ordinary. It would seem to me that the listening public had been so saturated with programs on the Warren Commission that they had become jaded after listening to all the critics. Of course, as you know, this is not true of the general public that doesn't listen to talk programs --their reaction, if any, is a vague realization that something is amiss with the Warren Commission but they are in no position to distinguish between various critics and the niceties of their arguments. The Look pieces on Manchester only add to their state of confusion. When curious they express a wish to know more but not one that is curious enough to want to go out and read the critics or engage in some actions to focus attention.

Carl Young passed on to me Capitol Records' inserts that were contained in the album on the "Controversy" and I made some Xerox copies and am enclosing them in this letter. I also typed up some excerpts which can be found inside the album cover and sending this along. Hope you will find them useful.

I would be curious to learn more about what Capitol Records will be doing to promote this record and what, if anything, you will do further. That record is such a dishonest representation that I believe the entire account of how people were used and misled to contribute for it should be exposed. I would very much like to do a report on this for the Berkeley Barb if possible.

What happened with your meeting with Castorri? You may be interested in knowing that the Citizens Committee here in S.F. act to reactivate itself and we're pushing for an ambitious program in the next month or two. Several of us are writing Congressmen (Rupferman, for example) and magazines like Look, Life & SaturdayPost under the Committee's name. Other activities are planned but first we have to raise money. I've written the L.A. group and told them of our activities and perhaps we can plan joint actions of a sort. The time has come.

Have you done any analysis yet on the print of 749? Do you agree with my evaluation of it?

Glad to hear that Whitewash II is going well. I don't know how it is going here in S.F. since I haven't been to Paul Elder's in quite some time. The next time I stop in I'll ask Mr. Elder.

Have you gotten any orders that mention the Berkeley Barb as a source?

Ray Marcus is due in town for the next three days and he'll be at my class on Wednesday. I understand that Dolan will have him on but Ray made the arrangements. As for other shows none that I know of were set up by Ray. I had asked Carl Young about having Ray on but he said the CBS have had enough on the subject for the time being.

You had asked in another letter about the balance of paying the costs of your trip here. This will be done but the matter of raising an already depleted amount will have to be done. I hope I can give you more information on this in the next letter.

Later on this week I hope to look into a tip from someone that could prove important. I'm also checking into that phone call we got at Dolan's through two sources that may be of help. More on these matters in a later letter.

In the meantime keep me posted and I'll let you know what the grapevine is here.

Best,
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