

3/29/69

Dear Hal,

Very glad get your letter 3/17 and do look forward to what you planned to have sent yesterday.

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One of the things that had bothered me was your lack of a typewriter, impractical as it seemed, I was considering lend you my Hermes port. When the Beebees took such good care of my very good, inexpensive Royal (Dutch made, retail abt \$50.00) my typewriter store, run by a friend, said there was no way to eliminate this problem and only one way to minimize it. He recommended this particular Hermes model, I think 3,000, saying it was the Cadillac of portables, with no cheap plastic parts, etc. It is very much like an upright machine. If you are not worried about extreme portability (and Hermes makes one that will fit into a Valapak, I do recommend this one, despite its high cost, for it is, without doubt, a durable, convenient machine that, over the years, will be least expensive. Mine is an elite face that actually is a little smaller than this. If and when this machine gets beyond repair (and it is so old - have a duplicate for spare parts) I'll switch to that, it is that easy to use for a port.

I do not know whether I asked you, but I know I did Paul, as soon as Ray copped his plea, to please send me copies of anything that appeared in your papers on this. It was clear to me that Foreman had come into this, entirely out of character, to cop a plea by intimidating Ray into agreeing. I think it is now amply corroborated and plan an epilogue to CONFIDENTIAL so declaring. I have written Foreman (Paul has copy). I am also satisfied that Clark engineered it. You may recall that the "une-dating" text of that book states that whatever is necessary to prevent a public trial on a charge of conspiracy would be done! I haven't read the book since I wrote it, but I recall nothing that doesn't stand the test of history since.

Your observations in LA may be important. I caution you that while Fred is very much with us, he is very much not to be trusted for a number of reasons, most of all because, despite his history as a boxer, he is plain yellow. Then he confabulates to hide his own cowardice and transgressions. He also sees what is not to be seen.

I've forgotten Lala.

I'll be glad to hear from Joe. If he wants fresh stuff to air, I've got it for him. I've been disappointed not to have heard from Robin King and Owen, for both of whom I've done shows by phone and neither of whom did I hear into error or apologies on Garrison. I tried to warn Mason.

I'm also interested in what Penn said, for he was still hipshooting when last I heard of him, still spreading more dissention. When you see Paul you might want to see the new questions I've just sent him about numbers, like 19106, etc.

Good luck,

March 17, 1969

Dear Hal,

This will be very brief but I want you to know that I haven't forgotten writing you. It may seem that way but because of some unforeseen events in my activities I just couldn't write you sooner than now.

As you know someone broke into my apartment and lifted everything that was of value (including cash which I stupidly put aside in a drawer and although was not in plain view of the thief proved easy enough for him to find. It was my fault, since I had left a window open because of an excess of heat caused by a faulty thermostat). But those are the breaks. They took my typewriter, tape recorder, camera, carrying bag, attache case, radio, clock leaving behind the tv set. It was as if they had taken all of my ten fingers off my hands. The letter I'm typing now is done on a borrowed typewriter and while there is no rush to return it I'll still have to get one of my own.

Just to show you that I've been busy, I've been back from Los Angeles for more than two weeks and haven't even seen Paul to discuss with him what I learned on this trip. (I won't mention it in this letter but I promise you that the letter after this (I'm setting aside Wednesday to write you a very long letter not only on my L.A. trip but on a number of items I was going to mention but each time got sidetracked while doing. I give you my word on this).

Just to show you what I have obtained for you is the baseball player you once inquired about (Ramos). I've identified him and have pics to send you. Also have identified Lala mentioned in Paul's tape. Other topics I'll discuss in this letter will be on Rose, Z-film, Jonn Christian's activities, location, etc.

Jim Eason is due to call me in less than an hour. I'll discuss with him the program you did (which I heard and the Whites taped. Penn Jones followed you). By the way I believe we'll be able to work more closely with Dolan now. As of March 31 he'll be at KGO where I'm sure he'll be doing more of what he did with KNEW. The word is out that KNEW plans to drop all of its talk programs. (Is this the harbinger of other talk programs?)

Anyway, I'll close now but you will be getting that long letter after Wednesday with many, many enclosures.

Best,
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