

11/11/74

Dear Dick,

Sorry not to have been able to respond to your letter of last month until now.

First there was unprecedented "discovery" in the Ray habeas corpus in which the young lawyer who has done all the legal work and I joined (alone, I add). Then there was the hearing itself and the preparations.

We did rather well, but I hope you never try a case under such circumstances!

There were five straight witnesses no lawyer had even interviewed. They were questioned on faith in my work and judgement. I had interviewed only three and them not since February, 1971. Yet they stacked and help up.

We wound up kidnapping each and every one of the State's rebuttal witnesses. With such effect they simply peeped out. They dropped all rebuttal! (They hate me!)

Next to the last you probably knew, but why he let himself be used this way is a mystery to me. It was Victor Temkin, Bantam's house counsel and vice president. We made him our expert. He is lucky the lawyer had no knowledge of publishing! All rebuttal witnesses were surprise witnesses. We finally forced a witness list from the State but it was 100% fake, no witnesses they called on it and they called not one from it. With Temkin this is what happened.

The courtroom was locked for security during the lunch break. Going to and coming back from our motel took half the lunch break. Where to background and prepare the lawyer?

I passed him a note asking him to forge lunch and follow me. When we broke I said "Let's visit our client." We then went to the U.S. Marshal's jail in that building where I asked Jimmy to please leave us alone so we could prepare. I had 20 minutes, following which the lawyer had to collect his thoughts, organize what he would do, and get back. While he was making notes on what I told him I thumbed through the transcript of Bill Huie's sick transcript before the grand jury three months after the trial was to have been held. It was in evidence but no word read in court. So, I ~~selected~~ appropriate quotations to be read to Temkin, he heard and responded to them, saying only what he could say, which was only what we wanted! Very irregular, not proper and not publishing norm.

It was exciting. Also very, very tiring. But I already have witnesses for the trial that unless the State opts some of the copouts I have built in for them, will be a year or more away. There will be appeals to the Supreme Court. These witnesses include some of Ray's former (and willing) captors, who believe him innocent.

Pub date on the book all this required I abandon is 11/22. The printer has not yet delivered my copies. I'm now, this late and close, trying to work on ancillary rights.

One man, due today, is more than an hour late. Another who left excited was here last Thursday. Excitement means nothing but does reflect content.

When I have a copy I'll mail it. I hope it will be this week. My colleague in Washington has some but I won't be able to go there until Friday. We are simultaneously working on written closing arguments in the Ray case.

Best to all,

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Dear Harold,

Simon and Schuster's address is 630 Fifth Avenue.
Shimkin can be reached there. I have no strong personal
contacts there.

If you send me a copy of WHITEWASH 4 I will read
it and offer you any suggestions which I feel are
constructive.

Hope you are well.

Best regards.

Cordially yours,



Richard T. Gallen

9/29/74

Dear Dick,

If you had sent me Shickla's address I might or might not have approached him about distributing Whitewash IV because with each day I realize how tough a book it really is in a day when fear pervades.

But because you did not send the address I can't now write him what I think he urgently needs to know. Nor can I afford to phone him. Besides, that now won't be possible until tomorrow, when I'll be spending most of the day with James Earl Ray in his jail cell. I leave tonight.

Today's Wash. Post has a story reporting that S & S is considering making a thing out of Ford's book, Portrait of the Assassin. (Interestingly, indicative of S & S p.r. carelessness perhaps, the Post says "an Assassin" the original title.) It is to be at some kind of book fair in the State Dept. in D.C. beginning the seventh.

The fourth of the Whitewash series has been delayed by mechanical problems but it is in manufacture. It has in it what has never been done before, a comparison between Ford's allegedly direct quotation of an official transcript and the actuality. I mean in an age of corruption you will not recall many if any instances with the purposefulness of corruption, distorting meanings and eliminating unpleasantnesses.

It would probably be quite helpful to me were there to be this attention to Ford's dishonesty about the same matter. It could attract considerable attention to my new book and who doesn't want that?

However, I also assume that from the past you have some kind of S & S connection. They did distribute Parallax books through a subsidiary. So, if any of these people mean anything to you, you may want to alert them.

The only thing of any consequence in the Ford-Stiles book is as crooked as it can be, the proof will soon be published, and even the ghost is another example of personal crookedness. He was put on the public test to ghost and do nothing else.

This, not the shhazzz in the media, is the real Ford. And if S & S is having financial problems now that is nothing to what a little of their former author (?) will be giving them. It is inevitable that he is going to provide over a real economic and financial disaster, as I have already suggested to you. This will mean serious political troubles, too. And I do not think very good S & S public relations if they boast of this crappy book now. Were they to have concern about this and to seek a graceful out, I'd suggest that they say they reconsidered and decided it might be taken as a commercialization of the Presidency and perish the thought!

If you decide to mention this to them.

I'll probably go to Memphis Monday night, where I think I'll be staying at the Albert Pick. The ~~next~~ earliest I'll be returning is Thursday night.

My proposal to the TV net is still under consideration, so in trying to be a decent guy I am not unkindful that it does not serve my personal interest. I know their interest includes my secret relationship with another Commission member who doubted the most basic elements of the Report Ford and he signed. You would never know it from what Ford submitted to trusting S & S, but he had much that could not be more relevant to say that a) Ford edited out and b) did not indicate he was eliminating.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

A Book by Gerald Ford; Philosophy From Hugh Scott

By Dorothy McCardle

Does anyone know that President Ford is co-author of a book?

"Portrait of An Assassin," bearing the double byline of former Rep. Gerald R. Ford, of Michigan, and his assistant, John R. Stiles, has been given to the committee now setting up the 14th annual Book Fair of the American Foreign Service Women to be held Oct. 7-11 at the State Department exhibition hall.

The book, based on the work of the Warren Committee, of which Rep. Ford was a member, is a study of Lee Harvey Oswald and his assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

It was published in 1965 by Simon & Schuster when the hardback cover price was \$6.95. Now, it will be sold for \$25. As someone remarked: "What a bargain! It ought to bring \$500."

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The book fair has a lot of interesting trophies this year. There will be an art corner with a Picasso print priced at \$75.

In other years there have been many books on pornography contributed to the sale. But not this year. The "sex corner" is confined to "how to" books.

The oldest book to be offered is a Biblical commentary by "Mr. John Calvine," published in London in 1610.

More than 100,000 books will be sold during the five-day sale. Dealers from

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all over the country come to this sale.

Sen. Hugh Scott (R-Pa.), minority leader of the Senate, has a favorite piece of philosophy on the nature of truth. He produced it at a dinner in honor of himself and his wife given recently by Pakistan Ambassador and Begum Yaqub Khan.

The lines, taken from a Middle East mystic, are these:

*"All faith is false, all faith is true
Truth is the shattered mirror strewn
In myriad fragments
While each believes his part the
whole."*

When United States Chief of Protocol Henry Catto reaches for the hors d'oeuvres or a second helping on the party circuit, he is reminded gently to look at his watch. There is a little green dot that is a signal to him, saying "no, no."

The other night at the Embassy of Pakistan, the food was so delicious that Catto snatched off his watch and stuffed it in his pocket. And then proceeded to take a second helping, any-

way.

When Iran's ambassador to the United States, Ardeshir Zahedi, walked into the Tiffany's jewelry store in New York and asked to see a "shovel," he was eyed as if he were out of his mind or, at best, in the wrong store.

"We do not carry shovels," the clerk said, and made some remark about trying a hardware store.

The ambassador told a member of his staff about his dilemma, and was advised he had used the wrong word. "You want a silver trowel, not a shovel," said the aide.

Sure enough, he did get a silver trowel from Tiffany's as a farewell gift for Sen. George Aiken (R-Vt.), who is retiring back to his orchards and field that he loves to work with hoe, shovel and trowel.

The marigolds that the late Sen. Everett Dirksen sponsored and made famous are good for something beside decoration. They are also good to eat.

So says Louella Dirksen, widow of the Republican senator from Illinois. When Mrs. Dirksen and Mrs. Mike Mansfield, wife of the Senate majority leader, attended a recent tea in their honor in McLean at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rietzke, the path to the porch was outlined with bouquets of Dirksen marigolds.

"I went some place recently where marigold petals had been chopped up in potato salad," said Mrs. Dirksen. "They tasted delicious and added a bit of color."