

Dear Ed,

1/3/98

Hasty thanks for your 12/23 and for anything else I've not acknowledged.

I'm deep into a Hersh manuscript with the tentative title Faking Kennedy: The Dark Side of Sy Hersh. Not done and about 60,000 words on paper. Because there is nothing about the assassination in it, might be publishable but I've no agent and no contacts now. Right now I do not even have anyone to do the retyping. But I think that with editing it could go and could do well with the animosity Hersh has earned. I have used some of what you sent. The Hurst interview in particular, and it is helpful and appreciated.

I've prepared quite a few such manuscripts as a record for history.

All I can do now.

It is not easy to see that one who can do the fine work he has done can turn to the literary whoring. He said to make a "score" and retire on it. If they sell the first print of 350,000 he will. But he is extravagant and would soon waste it and have to whore again.

Back to work!

Many thanks and hope you have a good year,

Hef

I may go back and use the Spectator and I may use what I have, and please correct me if I have it wrong, from The Ping Pong Tables by Madeleine Kalb, ~~by~~ McMillan in 1982.

12/23/97

Dear Hal,

Note even "The
American Spectator" - Bill
of the Fox right - has
reservations about Hawk
as well they should!

" He based his book
"The Sampson option" on
Aki Ben Menasse. Now
he concedes Aki lies
"like most people do".

"The Spy Hawk who
wrote "The Price of Power",
a great book on Kissinger,
has gone south at
somewhere.

He gets even the
obvious wrong. As
this envelope shows -
("The Congo Caller" by Madeline
Kao, McMillan 1982)
Eisenhower attacked

the assassination of Lumumba.
And, as you pointed out,
it was under the
the Castro plots began.

But that does not
fit Hersh's line.

A really bad
book!

Sincerely,
Ed