

11/1/71

Dear Ed,

Vy hastily. Urlet 27 with quotes text LBJ on RFK's control of ass investigation of epical importance at this moment for two reason, hence I'd appreciate states those three pages:

I go into this in the new last part of POST MORTEM and would like to update. Right now it will take much work. Later, more.

This is becoming the ~~hassle~~ beginning of a hassle from which I'll disassociate myself with those who, while proclaiming a holiness greater than that of the Pope, neither go to church nor understand the Bible.

In fact, it is one of the things a refusal to compromise on which is probably costing me the cost of a privatex printing of PL.

If you can do this promptly, so I can have it by Sat., I'd appreciate it for other reasons. Jerry is going to be hear and prepared to argue, whether or not about this. I want to satisfy him on those things I can. There may be serious errors I have made in other areas and, if this is the case, he should not be satisfied. But this one is becoming a stickler, alas.

I'm afraid our old priests and priestesses, locked into the cliches and knowledge of the past and without evil intent, are doing what is not good.

How fortunate one could be if he had only enemies!

Thanks, and best,

11/12/71

Dear Ed,

Thanks for the last part of the Esquire piece Jerry Ray has been wanting me to read. If I poop out tonight, I'll read it before bed, if not I'll take it with me when I leave on a trip early Tuesday a.m. and read on the plane. I'm going to see Ray and after a couple of stops to Dallas. I hope to be back about the first of the month, so of the many helpful things you send, why not stockpile them until then?

I am generally familiar with Babeu's record before and with Hughes. It is you understate.

From what Jerry says, there is something in this piece on the FBI that he seems to think is pretty hot. I'll be glad to have read at least this part because he and I will be staying together in Tennessee. In fact, he is meeting me at the Knoxville airport.

Caught Slavasky in the Today show today. I had just gotten back from my morning walk and my wife told me he was due. Got the condensation off my glasses just in time. I rather liked his approach, his balance, his lack of sycophancy, his effort to put everything in perspective, not exactly a national literary characteristic today. Some of what he said (and I have no way of knowing whether he restricted himself to the contents of his book) was rather interesting as a measure of those on whom Bobby depended, something those of our disappointed and disillusioned brethren do not consider but always a factor with public officials. Even here Slavasky didn't hedge. He said Bobby was the man in charge and thus the man responsible. The reviews I've seen to date are pretty much in this vein, too.

As always, many thanks.

Best,

12/14/71

Dear Ed,

I had intended writing you today or tomorrow for other reasons, but the arrival of your wonderful breach of my wife's prudent calorie security incls immediate thanks.

My wife had a day's work today, so when I took her to the office of the friend she is helping, I went to the post office and got my mail. Knowing the package had to be either something she ordered or a gift, I took it to her to open. When she saw it, she said, immediately, "chocolats". She has an unerring sense in such matter, and I think one of the things that has made it easy for me to be honest, not to lie, is my having earned so early in our lives that I just couldn't get away with it. She used to guess what I got her for Xmas when she didn't even know where the package was hidden!

With her injunction not to savor one, I bought the package home, opened it and found that it is, indeed, one of my favorite vices. I've always had a sweet tooth, and today one rarely gets really good chocolats of the kind I loved as a boy. You couldn't have hit me better. I expect them to be rationed, and I know I'll enjoy them. Matter of fact, I'm also glad that I knocked off a few pounds on this last trip.

I've almost worked my way out from under what accumulated in my absence and will begin to address what had earlier accumulated, too much. It was a really successful one. Jerry can fill you in on some of it. I restricted myself almost entirely to "the other side" and in no case did anyone refuse to see me and in every single case each was of some help. We now have some good contact on this "other side", which often isn't except in the black and whites of our paranoids and egos.

Two things connected with the trip are what I was going to write about. North Central Airlines administered the coup de grace to a durable Val-A-Pak four-suitier, idea for long and hurried trips because I was able to work out a formula for living from it. It has two pouches on the sides. I use the upper one (when it hangs) for clothes I've worn and the bottom for small clothing. This time the hanging hook was both straightened and pulled out by the roots. I have an adequate supply of other luggage, which I rarely use. There is no local store that handles Val-A-Pak and none with the business imagination to conceive that they can order from that company. This town is a Samsonite monopoly. I've asked ~~him~~ a young friend in the Army to see if his PX carries them. If it does, I've no problem. And I know where I got this one in D.C. but one of the reasons I was going to write is because you work for a store. I was going to ask, if I don't get it through this PX, if you can get one for me and ship it. The other thing was getting a Gordon McLendon record with James H. Chaney's voice on it. They now claim not to have the original tapes from which the record was made. The record doesn't even have a company name on it, but the identification of KLLP is prominent. The then news director has died, and nobody admits knowing anything. One of the two reasons Chaney wasn't called as a witness is what he said as soon as interviewed after the assassination that he saw the President hit in the face. He was right-hand out- rider, you may recall. Right or wrong, that is something with which the Commission could not live, nor the FBI. The other has to do with something still unknown that he learned on a return to the ASBD. I make reference to this in WW. Well, we have no record player, and I doubt we'll decide we can afford one now. But, should our situation improve, can you save us any money on one? We have old but good equipment, a Scott tuner and a Logon amplifier, both stereo. When I have time I can play this record elsewhere, make a tape of it, and that problem, get a verbatim transcript, is solved without cost. I ask only for the time when we can get a changer. I don't know if you get a discount that would make it worth your trouble of whether your store carries unbranded items of good quality from which a heavy advertising budget ~~xxxxx~~ does not have to be recovered.

The 12/4 States-Item story you sent was informative and valuable. I have sent Jerry a copy of the analysis I made yesterday. For everything, many thanks- and a good season.

2/12/72

Dear Ed,

Appreciate your phoning after Cyril's show. If personally I am disappointed in him saying what he did in 1972, as I would not have been based on what we knew in 1968, frankly, for other reasons that as of today I think more important, I'm glad he did. I think it reduces even further his chance to see the stuff now.

On book approaches: I have made the kind of proposal you think might have some slight possibility. I have followed it with a second, to a personal friend, for consideration should this one not work. I think that the sensationalism in what I have proposed is inherent, not requiring sensationalist (apologies to Melin) treatment. I think less separates our views now. If I am not happy with my lot, I see no acceptable alternative.

Should you get a copy of Kaiser in West, JP sent it. I've asked them for time for response and said a bit of what I proposed to say.

JP also sent Janoway's Atlantic review Vantage point. It just occurred to me how close to completely honest LBJ was in the title, Only left two letters out, Ad-

= In odd moments I've been reading Khrushchev Remembers. Despite Crankshaw, I find it fairly honest and brutally frank. Compared to LBJ, he is the incorruptible. I've seen no professional comparisons, natch.

I've not seen the New Alexandria yet. Understand it is on Dundy.

I find such things as Esquire has done difficult to understand. Perhaps after I read the piece I say. But one possibility is that, with a decision on an evidentiary hearing pending, they may then claim credit.

Been typing too much today. Thanks for everything.

Best,

4/8/72

Dear Ed,

Two says I received from you an unsealed manila envelope postmarked Grand Central Station. Both black space where stamps should have been and a postmark on bot sides of it. After you mailed it, or after it was postmarked, I had two calls from Jerry G, who did not on either occasion, reports your presence in NY.

The enclosures are valuable, esp. Baldwin coming to my belief three or more years after the fact.

With respect to the Josten, I can safely say that the farther he gets from assassinations, the less irrational he becomes. The Lankay work might be interesting.

There is a major flaw in the Garrison letter, if in haste I correctly understood it. His faith in Gervais lingered much longer. In fact, when I got there about 4/10/67 he appears not to have trusted any of his staff people to side me up. They delayed me in the 'bleau coffee shop for hours until Gervais showed up.

J, as usual, is nuts on Lattimer. His article is titled "similarities" in the Booth and Oswald killings, but on reading these turn out to be dissimilarities and Lattimer even concedes it is possible that Booth was a suicide. He also fails to mention the real similarity, that both were insane.

"Satan's Assassins". I have an interest in Warren Smith ever since he tried to pump me on King's ass., allied himself with Danfro Hays, pretended he had an upcoming interview with Ray, and with Hays manufactured fake evidence, he tried to buy my NRP staff (with I have the incancelled check) and had to know that manufactured evidence was the final nail in Ray's coffin. Yet Marty Singer, editor of Saga, has confidence in him.

I am especially glad to get the Baldwin quote. He is now saying what I seem to have been alone in understanding almost four years ago and as JP knows, is opposite what our black friends were saying a year ago. The parts you marked are precisely correct, including the timing of the Malcolm killing. JP has noticed that the mouth-t-mouth resuscitation was counter-indicated and by a bodyguard since surfaced as a police fink. The latter I have known for some time, but black friends promise but produce nothing on it. Names: Roberts.

If you mailed this long before the postmark it would be interesting to know.

Thanks and best,

HR

7/2/72

Dear Ed,

Rather difficult times lies ahead, closely, I fear. To relax a bit I have been ~~spending~~ spending the afternoon with Order of Battle, Ib Melchion's novel on the Werewolf plot to kill Eisenhower. I have an advance copy. Harpers are bring it out in August. But although I have relaxed much, my mind does wander to the impending problem from time to time. It has escaped the past, a past you will find disagreeable in the corrupted, self-justifying form in which I think it will first reach you, more so when you learn the truth of what has been going on in secret, in unthinking stupidity from those you would not, at least for the most part, ^{expect} to so deport themselves.

It centers on approval of Cyril to see the sequestered autopsy materials and the notion of some that first of all a man of his qualifications needs backgrounding to read medical film and secondly that they can at this late date stuff into the head that has avoided all work on the subject, even obvious reading, whatever it is they think necessary to prevent whatever it is they think needs preventing.

With the exception of Howard, who has been severely pressured by everyone else, all have declined my long-standing and written request for a dialogue on this. Howard and I have discussed aspects of this in the past. He has attached conditions to his collaboration his personal integrity requires and strangely, is or rather than been clobbered for it, by everyone in a position to, beginning with Jerry.

I have broken relations with Jerry and Gary for what I regard as personally unconscionable and entirely ineqcusable personal behavior and what is little better, being entirely underhanded about it. Jerry is the one to have responded to letters I wrote all toward the end of week before last. His justification of dishonesty and sneakiness is that it is the requirement of what he calls "good conscience".

Much that I'd like to tell you I can't because I'm pledged not to.

What I think you will readily understand is the possible significance of the timing. With more than seven months for decision and agreement, Burke Marshall's approval just happens to coincide with Teddy's move in support of Mc Govern. And Cyril's seeing the stuff and any com ent he will make cannot avoid coinciding with the convention of the campaign.

There was to have been a war council at Sylvia's night before last. Lesar told me two days earlier that it was off or delayed, I don't recall which. So I don't know if or when or by whom Wecht is to have an empty head filled, and from nobody have I had any explanation of the need, except in terms of childhood thinking, if I can use the combination.

I think that for the most part this situation is not new to you, nor is it that if and when the government decided to do this none of us could stop it. All we could do was influence the use or misuse when nothing was done earlier, address the probably consequences if they are not what I have long believed, the intended ones.

Because of your physical isolation, you are separated from details and perhaps from events, even reporting. However, I write to ask that you background me as promptly as you can on any developments or intentions of which you hear. My interest is not curiosity or any planned use in writing, etc. I want to be prepared for any eventuality. I have not been arguing this with these people. If I had wanted to they have precluded it.

If between what I have said and what you knew you are left in doubt, then this amounts to asking you to take me on faith, my judgement and my integrity. I hope you can and will.

You need not, certainly not now or in a rush, record whatever you may have been subjected to by way of what might be called a campaign against me. As an historical record I would welcome anything of this kind, whether or not masked with protestations of limitless respect for my work. It can have the side value of helping cope with the possible consequences. If you can do this and you want confidentiality preserved, please so indicate. Don't trust my memory.

If you remember the page on Marshall and Chappaquiddick you sent me from Esquire, that sums the thing up pretty well if you just cahange the tense from past. I wish I could figure how he can do nothing but the incredible and unnecessary and begin to think it is in the interest of the client-of-record, which is not necessarily the client of heart and in my view simp,y can't be.

Best,

7/25/72 Dear Ed, Thanks for The Parallax View (to be movie, starring Warren Beatty, from S.F. Examiner clip received today) and the enclosures, of which I've read only Joesten. Your notation, "Swampfever Special" is a bit understated. It is more like hydrophobia, and with Joesten this is nothing special! If I had difficulty recognizing myself from what the inquirer did, it is impossible from the Joesten. I made no such statement.

These paranoids have a world of their own.

Joesten's talk of "mendacity" is amusing, except that nothing that beats me out of money is really amusing. Some years ago he wrote that we was about to leave on vacation and would I please airmail a copy of WHITEWASH. Knowing of hi, then only that he had done his first book, not really too irresponsible for its days, I not only sent the book and advanced something over \$5.00, but I drove 25 miles to send it. Then came another rush: he'd heard of WWII, and would I airmail it? And other 25 miles, another \$5.00. Later, much later, and by surface mail, came in complete payment a Swiss edition of some of his shit. I can't use a book in German and I can use the \$10.00 plus.

But it was not entirely wasted. He used it generously in his later rubbish. Without credit, natch. Or asking permission. Without sense or context, either.

This is but one aspect of a long and painful history the underinformed and over-dedicated of what Jerry describes as "good conscience" (translation, stealing) neither know nor care, and as long as it appears in some tanktown paper and says the government is wrong they are satisfied and actually believe there has been a major achievement.

Looking forward to reading all the reast. Many thanks,

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11/8/72

Dear Harold,

Given the vast domestic intelligence operation directed against him (Eagleton was planted on him by his "advisers", or agents) and his naive approach to people as per Rankin, Cliggall, Shaidam etc., Mr. Gowen had no chance. At least he was spared the fate of Wallace.

America, however, will be spared little. Watergate is a small detail of a conspiracy so vast and evil that it transcends the paranoid visions of Mae Brussell.

"A United Nation!"
Perhaps, America cannot stomach the truth.

The analysis of Oglesby (Ramparts, 11/72) is sharp.

Sincerely,

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11/27/72

Dear Harold,

I understand your "dear friend", Bill Turner, with the aid of The West Coast Wild Bunch is off on Watergate. With investigators like Bill and Sheridan -----.

A recent life made allusion to Farmer N.O.D.A. Garrison no -----.

The Post enclosure is emblem of what is media appropriate - Junk!

The attempt at sabotage of The A.O.P. probably culminated with Bremer's assassination attempt.

I received no answer from Name on Project Star.

Sincerely,

