

9/18/95

Scott Wilson
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Dear Scott,

8-28 puzzled As I told Mike the date is okay and I was neither hurt nor anything else. I wrote him a letter on my printed letterhead that I think will serve his purposes better than what he had in mind, which stuck me as not a mature way of doing that. I called this to his attention in a sticky note he can remove and show his nuisance. I suggest if that pest persists Mike suggest that he write me and ask himself. That should shut him up if the letter I wrote does not.

I have not kept up with Angleton books. I did read Mangold's. It is clear the CIA made a deal with him to help him fully if he blamed all that was wrong on the by then safely dead Angleton. And that is what Mangold did. He exculpated the CIA as an institution.

In the past I read several on Philby and found them from all approaches to be interesting. It is easy to clobber a spy and most do that but I think a more balanced book was written by a former Times of London reporter who met Philby and wrote what he intended to be a not unsympathetic book. I've forgotten his name.

Without knowing what if anything Angleton told Philby that could have been of interest to the KGB it is not easy to evaluate it but I think it may be safe to assume that Philby found some way of passing it all on.

There never was any legitimate reason to suspect that Nosenko was not genuine. That was at best another manifestation of the insanity that took over under Angleton. The reasons made up for doubting him made no sense at all. If you want we can talk more about this when you are here.

I think also that Mike's Garrison tape will end that nuisance.

Thanks for the enclosures.

best,

Hardy

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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Enclosed please find 2 magazines and a news clipping on JFK's diary. These magazines were sent to me about a month ago from Mike Stanke with the purpose of sending them to you for Hood College.

Mike, Bob Beaumont and myself would like to come visit you this Oct 28. Is this date good for you? Mike is planning to fly to NY on 10/25 and then we'll drive to Baltimore and meet Bob and then come to Frederick from Balt.

I had talked to Mike by phone this afternoon to confirm the date of 10/28 and Mike had asked me to write to you on his behalf.

Mike explained the following situation to me. He stated that he spoke to your wife Lil by phone and requested that you send a letter to his principal stating that he knows you, has been to visit with you twice in the past and that he was coming to visit you again this 10/28 to discuss the Garrison episode for his studies with the Student Development Program at his school. Mike then told me that you had sent him a letter stating that you could not send a letter to his principal in this matter. When I spoke to Mike by phone he was very concerned that he might have offended you with this request and he also told me that he was worried about hurting your feelings as he respects you immensely. Mike told me that he is experiencing professional jealousy from a fellow teacher who does not believe that Mike has been to visit you or does indeed know you. Mike stated that this teacher accused Mike of going golfing on the 2 occasions that he was visiting you with Bob and myself.

I am intervening in this at Mike's request and on his behalf. Mike asked me to ask you if you would send his school a letter stating that he has been to visit you twice in the past, that he has spoken by phone with you and that he has had letters of correspondence with you. He also asked that the letter state that Mike is coming to visit you on 10/28 to construct an oral history of the Garrison episode from the perspective of Mr. Weisberg, who is an expert on this topic for the Student Development Program that Mike Stanke is involved in. Mike also told me that it would be fine if you stated in the letter that Mike asked you to write it.

As I stated earlier, I am writing at Mike's request and whatever your decision is here is one between Mike and yourself. I will tell you that to me Mike sounded sincerely embarrassed and worried that he may have offended you. To me Mike described a situation of sincere professional jealousy with this Social Studies teacher who does not believe Mike.

Can you recommend any books on Kim Philby or Angelton? I've been reading Cold Warrior by Tom Mangold and have found this story of the relationship between Angelton and Philby fascinating. Do you think it likely that Angelton told Philby anything of significant value of national security that Philby may have taken to the KGB?

I'd also like to tell you that I saw a hardback copy of Frame-Up in my local library last week.

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I am looking forward to seeing you again with the purpose of studying your files and taping your perspectives on Garrison. I would also like to take everyone out to lunch. If you say that 10/28 is good in your letter I'll call you to confirm the date and time.

I hope I did not offend you by writing on Mike's behalf. I also hope that you and your wife are feeling well.

Very Truly Yours,

John Wil

P.S. Do you believe that Yuri Nosenko was
a bona fide defector and do you believe
what Nosenko says about the KGB Files
on Oswald?