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Dear Mark,

This morning I finished the very rough draft of the concluding chapter of a long manuscript and then took fil shopping, after which we went to the Oriental restaurant of friends. We got the mail as we left home and I took your letter and a highlighter to the table to make <sup>it</sup> up for response. And left it there! I'll get it when we are next ~~there~~ there, meanwhile I hope I remember what should get response.

I'm very glad to be corrected on how the new law is to work. The review board may work out to be w benefit. I think that what can be more important is the Clinton/Gore policy. Beginning with Reagan but in some areas earlier FOIA was used as a withholding law, quite the opposite of the legislative intent.

I think you mentioned your Carto interest and I think I told you about Imperium. I probably referred you to the ADL. I should also have referred you to Wes McCune at Group Research in DC. They may both also have info. on Lane.

Bravo on your holocaust work!

The enclosed story and articles are good.

The number of sources on your note about Harry are few and I'm glad you learned, in part because from what I've heard you are part of his tissue of a disclosure organization. He has behaved wretchedly with others and gives indication of including me in his all-included <sup>and</sup> conspiracy theories, one to kill and all the critics out to get him and ruin what he calls his work. I suspect he is <sup>ing</sup> have stuff fed to him and is so self-important he does not recognize it.

The kick on which he has been off for some weeks comes, I am sure, from a kind of illness. He then can't control himself. At other times he can be and he tries to be a nice guy. What precipitated his sick outbursts at ASK I do not know but from all reports he was very, very bad. Particularly to a very conservative lady, Mary Ferrell. She is in ill health, her husband is in terminal illness, and Harry has invented a conspiracy role for her by inventing one for her former employer, a big, right-wing law firm. She worked for them so she was a conspirator!

He visualizes what he really cribbed from Farewell America, a conspiracy of the richest in Texas. That included H.L. Hunt. and Harry twisted what he learned around to have me helping H.L. Hunt. In fact I was trying to prevent what the French CIA was up to with that fake

book before the Shaw trial. ~~He~~ Harry has gotten some of my letters to Hunt's then chief of security, from him or from the FBI, and he is twisting them, too, and after I told him that Farewell was a fraud and a spook job, he insisted ~~it is~~ it is a good book.

He suffers delusions of grandeur and he believes what he spots, like that he'd solve the case in two weeks.

I'm sorry for him but I cannot any longer have the long intrusions I get from him. Over the years it added up to much time. I've told him I do not want any more contact with him. He may have been in Texas when that letter was delivered but I suppose he is back now and I'm grateful not to have heard from him.

That may be, however, because after threatening it for a long time Groden filed suit. I know none of the details and have not sought to learn them. He filed against C & G, too. From what little I recall of that book, there is little apparent basis for suing C & G. He wrote a letter in which he said that his publisher had "required" him to go to the FBI with his complaints. That never happened.

<sup>also</sup> ~~He~~ says he is working on a new book and it is for Simon and Schuster.

If he writes the kind of stuff he's been telling me he is doomed for a real frustration. No publisher will go for it.

I think you were at ASK so you should know what did and did not happen there.

But for him to abuse Mary Ferrell, now at least 70 and who only recently survived two serious accidents and is ill and is the only one to care for a weak husband in terminal illness the way he did with no more than the murk of his mind for evidence is very, very bad behavior. Besides which ~~ix~~ it is utterly irrational.

I fear he may be heading for even more serious problems. I regret that.

And this kind of behavior defames us all.

In addition to having much, very much time taken by him and his people, some only copies in which nobody else had ever had any interest disappeared. I can't prove a thing but it did happen and nobody else ever looked at that Lifton stuff. Which I had prepared for the historical record. The most likely possibility is that the cop, who denies it, took it and sold it to Lifton. For whom one of Harry's friends told me he was working.

It is a mess, I'm sorry about it, but I have to avoid wasting any more time on it.

Our best,

*Hardy*