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Dear Mark,

Having gotten a copy of a letter Harry Livingstone wrote to another about me, saying that I was distributing false information about him, rather ^{it} circulating it, I checked my file. For several months prior to the date of his letter there is nothing at all in my file other than your letter to me of 1/6/93 and my response to you. In my response, to which you did not respond, I asked you to identify that so-called researcher to me.

It seems unlikely that Harry could have had any source other than this person you did not name. Gallen has not indicated to me that this person spoke to him about what Harry was doing - and continued to do thereafter with much more vehemence and ~~it~~ determination, to which he added many threats. To the best of my recollection Harry did not phone me thereafter, although I do not keep book on his calls. It has been some time since he phoned me. To the best of my recollection he has not since I wrote him that I wanted no more contact with him.

If you reflect what this person seems to have told you he was not truthful with you. Other than that he may have spoken to Gallen.

Because Harry's tirades and threats escalated after that if Gallen spoke to him it had the opposite of the intended effect.

So I ask you again to please tell me who it was.

My guess would be Gus Russo and from his relations with Harry, through which we met, I am not inclined to believe he would be looking for trouble with Harry.

I also heard that he has a book contract, with a co-author. The most likely publisher of assassination junk is Carroll & Graf. This could account for his having met them and Gallen.

Could it be that your reluctance to respond is because you are the co-author?

Harry has been making trouble. His description of his book is of his intent to make more trouble. The junk I do not care to take any time for. The trouble I do. So I ask you again to identify your source for what you wrote me January 6

Sincerely,

Harold

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people to seek out! Neither of us, of course, had anything to do with Harry's actions and we spent the rest of the weekend refuting Harry's allegations and explaining we were not part of his plan.

It was that note that has led people to tell you that I am involved with his "tissue of a disclosure organization". I can assure you that I have neither spoken with him nor sought to do so since our initial meeting of last October. I do not agree with any of the slanderous comments he has made against people I consider to be my friends (although even if they were not, I still would not agree) and continues to make and I never will. He is seriously causing damage to the research movement by acting in such a manner. There are no excuses for his actions and I hope that one day he realizes the extent of the damage he has caused to specific people and the community in general.

As for the recent episode where he telephoned you I have discovered how he came about to know of your concern for yourself and Mary. I realize that it appeared to be I that betrayed the confidences Peggy entrusted me with but, again, I assure you that I do not betray such confidences. However, Mary had discussed the fact that Harry was causing some problems for the two of you with another researcher, in what detail I do not know. This researcher is acquainted with Carrol, Graf and Gallen and spoke to Gallen, whom I believe is a friend of yours if I am not mistaken, and informed him of the terrible things Harry was doing.

Knowing that Gallen thinks highly of you this researcher suggested to Gallen that he inform Harry to cease and desist his derogatory and potentially threatening communications with you immediately. Gallen did so and then Harry called you. The rest you know. I hope what I have written clears up the matter. I seem to get blamed often for communication leaks I had nothing to do with and, as I am sure you understand, I do not particularly find that to be fair. But, as far as I am concerned the matter is now history.

Moving on. All is going well with the new legislation. Clinton will be making the nominations by January 27. He was given sixteen names to initially consider for the Review Board. I have enclosed my most recent memorandum on the topic for you to review. As are your files, my memos are available to all, so do not get upset with me for some of the names on my list. I will always keep in mind your principles over compromise advice.

With that in mind, as I briefly mentioned to you last time I am writing a detailed article on Mark Lane. It will cover everything. His ties to Liberty Lobby, Jonestown, his many false statements, the misinterpretations he