

Dear Ed,

12/3/73

Your note of 11/29 asks me to ~~analyze~~ think about whether Skolnick could "fit the profile of CIA agent provocateur." It is because long ago I did feel this, which is not the same as is he self-seeking or is he crazy, and had this fortified by his Nazi activity of a weekend ago that I asked you what I did. Thus I would also like very much to examine those statements of finances I presume he is required to file. I have not heard of anyone there doing this or examining his charter to see if those things for which he does spend what for a small organization must be a fair percentage of its funds are authorized. I guess that even ~~if~~ if he drew them broadly he has exceeded them. ...It is possible that he will be making further attacks on me. I am not personally concerned about this but if you see any, I would like to examine them, in part because of this suspicion.

I'm glad to get D. Hunt's certificate of death. It does raise a few questions. I take it the notations mean it was not filed until 11/24/73, which seems to be rather late, 50 wks. That under "Name of Surviving Spouse" there would be "Unavailable" is a bit surprising because he was well and immediately known and because it is unresponsive. So is it that her Social Security number was "Unknown." I would assume that it was on her papers, in her bag, and that had it not been it could have been learned easily. This is to say someone seems to have desired that it not be recorded. Pretty much the same is true of "Usual Occupation." One does not say "Head of Household" for the working male, so why "Housewife" for a woman whose employment was of professional nature? These things have more point when they got Hunt's signature, undated, on the form.

Do you take "Extensive Burns" under "Immediate Cause" of death to mean no cyanide inhalation? The Skolnicks will grab on this. Especially when there has been all the talk about cyanide and there was no autopsy on her, according to this.

I note that the coroner's people did not sign this until 11/21/73. Is this normal or does it mean there was a special delay, as for the aviation proceedings to end?

These things are often innocent, but the funeral stuff alone is typed. I wonder why the rest was not?

The part of the Trib story on Sullivan and his "volunteer" legal eagles is interesting. My belief is that he will recruit a gang to make more trouble, raise more false issues, launch more attacks, not to defend Nixon. The inference here is a paranoid one, that all the normal workings of the law are aimed at him and him alone.

Trib 11/28 on questioning of Helms again by Ervin Com.:

I believe this is going to have the effect of covering up other things about which Helms was not questioned and should have been. I believe he committed perjury. But I do not believe St. George's interpretation of the continuing Martinez-CIA relationship. Not for \$100 a month. I do believe that there was what the CIA regarded as legitimate reason for apprehension over Mexico and for worry over leaks. But I don't for a minute think that these things, not yet established, mean that Helms or anyone else at the top was a conscious part of the Watergating. And herein lies their trouble, with fact and with what their Glorious Leader might be expected to do to them over what he appears to have known.

The details in this story, which do not really add to my knowledge, do indicate that the Trib at least is paying more attention to this aspect than other papers, so I do appreciate your sending the clip and do hope the eye stays peeled.

Sorry I didn't tell you what Skolnick wanted to steal: a very clear print of the Zapruder film, including some fine isolation work. That man, who acted as though it were his, did not have it and it was not his. Therefore, the theft could have accomplished nothing. There was nothing secret or valuable this man, who I know well, could have had. Only the paranoids neither know nor figure on these things. The film was in the pocket of another. It was insane to take it there, asking for trouble.

I don't know what Sherman does to feed himself the attention on which he lives. I do presume that he will be in print, probably in the underground papers. If he has any more on this Gargantuan CIA conspiracy he has discovered, I would like to be ~~enlightened~~ enlightened.

Thanks and best,