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Dear Jim and Jenifer:

This will be short, sorry to say, but if I don't get it out now, goodness knows when I will get to it again. The Fates conspire against me. What gratitude I have shown for your letter (the P.S. without a letter to attach itself to) that came way back on the 26th of November.

Enclosed are copies of a couple of clippings from a Tampa newspaper. There may have been a follow-up but, if there was, it has not found its way to my house. There should have been one; Harold was quite upset about it and felt he had not been treated fairly. I agree. But --

You asked about Ed Horsey. Thereby hangs a sad tale. Let me caution you to beware. A. Edward Horsey, Ralph Edwards or any other name he may decide to use, including Dr. John Smith of Houston, is pure poison and not to be trusted at all. I do have tapes and will get them to you soon as I can.

Until I received the AIC newsletter, thanks to your suggestion, I had never heard of it so I cannot claim credit for the ones you received. I do think it is worth supporting. The copy I received arrived before I had discovered Horsey's true character and I showed it to him whereupon he wrote and asked them to send me all the back issues. They did, except for the very first. He claimed to have sent a contribution in my name but he lied so much of the time that I will take it for granted he did so in this instance.

Should he ever contact you, he will have got your names from some other source. He has the ability to immitate to perfection the voice of any man he has heard speak at least once. I know Harold Weisberg's voice very well, having heard him on the air several times and talked with him by phone quite a bit, yet Horsey did telephone me, impersonating Harold, and I did not know it was not Harold until I found out through subsequent correspondence with Harold.

He has impersonated David Lifton, Tom Raum (the reporter in the enclosed copy), Jack Wade (a St. Petersburg Times reporter), Kerry Thornley and probably many others that have not yet come to light. The apparent purpose of some of these impersonations was to cause antagonism between Thornley and Harold, an attempt to frighten Thornley into confiding in Horsey and to gain information he could not acquire as himself.

He claimed to have a working arrangement with Assistant ~~State's~~ Attorney General Gelber (State of Florida, not Federal) and to be privy to Gelber's work in the events described in the diary. He further claimed to have photo-copies of the diary.

Even after I asked him not to involve or even mention me in any of his activities, he did so. Some of this came to my attention right away, some has taken longer and more may never be known.

Horsey's parents live here in St. Petersburg. His mother is a teacher at a vocational night school. His father works someplace during the day. And yet, Horsey seemed to have sufficient funds to do whatever he wished at the same time he was supposedly here for his health and not working. He furnished me with newspaper items covering various releases concerning an accounting firm

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in Kalamazoo, Michigan, bearing his name. Since he stated he had been here since May, 1968, he could not have been at his place of business during that time and I don't see how he could be earning any money - as he claimed he was not, also. He left here the 7th of December to work for a Coral Gables-based firm, his specific job this time taking him to Independence, Missouri.

So, I have to assume he did not have any source of income in Michigan and was not earning any money for the period of time he was here. He is in his middle twenties, listed four or five colleges he claimed to have attended and I do not see how he could have acquired the funds he obviously had since college.

In view of his actions here, I must wonder who was financing him.

I endured countless harrassments. These were all by telephone, some local and some appearing to be long distance involving an operator. I believe other things were supposed to have happened but did not for some reason. This belief is based on Horsey's statements in a TV interview as he described things that happened to WC critics.

I am positive, though I cannot prove it, that he had some part in the unfair treatment accorded Weisberg in the enclosed clippings.

In my opinion, the most sinister activities were attempts to either fabricate more evidence Kerry Thornley or to terrorize him to the point that he would be begging Horsey to hear him "tell everything he knows" and help him. He also tried to alienate Thornley from anyone who might be inclined to be sympathetic to his plight.

Despite the fact that Bob Ruark, moderator of a local talk show, had urged Thornley to contact me and had urged me to contact Thornley, and in spite of Sylvia Meagher's same suggestions, I had talked with Thornley one time only and that was when he was on one of Bob Ruark's programs in February of last year just before he went to New Orleans to testify before the Grand Jury. I felt there was nothing I could do that would be worthwhile and, I suppose, Thornley felt the same way.

Horsey continually told me how he had tried to impress Thornley with my reliability, my being absolutely trustworthy and sympathetic, and how Thornley stated he would be willing to "spill the whole story" to Horsey in my presence at some unspecified date. He would call and ask if Thornley had contacted me. Over and over.

At the same time, he was also saying that Thornley kept protesting that he thought I was a bosom pal of both Weisberg and Garrison and that he would like to believe Horsey's trust was well placed but he was afraid not.

On the other hand, Horsey was actually trying to impress Thornley with the fact that I was an unknown factor, that I worked hand in glove with both Garrison and Weisberg and that he should never trust me. Thornley would ask him how Sylvia could ask him to contact me if all Horsey was saying was true. And Horsey would then imply distrust of even Sylvia.

I received calls, the voice sounding exactly like Thornley's, Weisberg also had long distance calls intended to be received as having been by Thornley. In one case, the call was to a friend with whom Weisberg was staying in New Orleans and was extremely abusive of the friend and threatening all kinds of things in store for Weisberg. A call to Salandria in Garrison's office, the voice being that of David Lifton and the caller asking that his name not be mentioned out loud, was also to cause irritation with Thornley. I know for a fact that Horsey did indeed make a call to Weisberg's home in Maryland at a time when he knew Weisberg was in New Orleans. I learned from Weisberg that the operator identified the caller as Thornley and the subsequent call to Weisberg's friend in New Orleans was the result of obtaining the number from Mrs. Weisberg.

There is much more to Horsey's activities but all of it was from the same pattern. Harold Weisberg was so disturbed by the many calls purportedly by Thornley to him and others and by the threats and statements made in these calls, he called Thornley and I gather neither was any happier when he hung up.

Meantime, I decided to check with Sylvia on some of the things Horsey had charged Thornley with. She checked a couple of them and we had positive proof that they were lies.

Shortly before Christmas Thornley wrote me - the first contact we had had since the radio program I mentioned - and asked me to meet with him and his attorney to record what I knew of Horsey's activities involving Thornley. I agreed and we have exchanged several letters and phone calls. My husband and I visited with the Thornleys at their home later and listened to tapes made of what Horsey had actually said about me to him.

What makes me so upset - one of the things - is that I recall Horsey's having said Mrs. Thornley was pregnant. She told me he knew when the baby is due (the middle of February) and yet, he went right on with his attempts to frighten them with no regard for the effect on her.

Something I had already known was Thornley's difficulty in securing a job to provide an adequate income with Garrison's charges hanging over him. I have to assume Horsey also knew of this problem and that Mrs. Thornley would no longer be able to work as a teacher to help out. Yet, he would phone where Thornley was employed as a dishwasher and jeopardize that job.

Whether or not Thornley is guilty of perjury will be decided in court. I have always been taught (perhaps wrongly, I don't know anymore) that the accused is to be presumed innocent until proven ~~innocent~~ guilty. With this in mind, I can find no excuse for Horsey's actions. I have been advised that Thornley is all kinds of a dastardly character anyway. Perhaps he is. But this is not what he is charged with and he is not being tried for anything other than perjury - if we go by the legal papers. The fact that he has had charges of any kind placed against him surely does not make it open season against him and doesn't justify Horsey's "anything goes" attitude.

Thornley did provide me with a Xerox copy of Garrison's press release at the time the perjury indictment was made. I was not prepared for what I found when I checked the release (on Garrison's official letterhead, not from a newspaper) against the references cited therein. It is inexcusable, coming from the office of a district attorney. In one glaring outrage, the release backs the charge by quoting from testimony. But, when you check the reference, you find the quote is out of context and that the total comments on the point are contrary to what is stated in the release.

Thornley thinks Weisberg wrote the release. I know Harold well enough to be confident he is not so sloppy in his research nor is he willing to indulge himself in the very kind of thing he has condemned so often. Not that he needed to do so, but he has assured me he had no hand in the release.

It almost looks as though Garrison may have felt he would never get Thornley into court and was trying to try him in the papers and I hate to think such a thing.

Do you have a copy of this release? If you don't, I will send you a copy and you can check it for yourself. Thornley did not give it to me to prove that Garrison is a no good. He asked me to check the references for him; others had promised to do so and had not and he was curious about the accuracy. When I told him what I

found and sent copies of the complete references he was quite upset. I can't say I blame him.

A few weeks ago Bob Ruark phoned and gave the name and phone number of a woman who had been referred to him as a possible guest on his program. He asked me to call her and talk with her and let him know if she would be suitable. I did phone her and I listened - for three straight hours. I did not tell her I had my recorder going the whole time. This presented a problem in changing the tape and there are gaps at the end of each tape. I talked with her a couple of times after that and got those talks on tape also. When I get out from under things that just have to be done, I will furnish you with tapes in confidence and would certainly appreciate any comments.

Bob didn't put her on his show, by the way. He was afraid of it. Her name (she says) is Annie R. Patterson and she claims to have been in a Mexican prison for five years ending in May 1968. She said she was railroaded because she had personal knowledge of the conspiracy. She claims to have known Oswald quite well. Says Lady Bird held the mortgage on Ruby's nightclub. And a lot of other things.

I let Thornley hear half of the first taping - 1½ hours - and he said he thought she had to know something of what she alleged. He said a lot of her statements fill in the gaps while others are in conflict with what we think we know.

She said a lot of Garrison's case is built on data she gave him from prison and that, after she decided not to tell him any more, he stopped being so easy for the press to reach. She believes that Mark Lane is now calling the shots in New Orleans and has Garrison under his complete control. She says she knows for sure Clay Shaw had no part in any conspiracy and is willing to testify on his behalf.

She claimed that Robert's assassination was part of the same conspiracy and that M. L. King's may have been but she is not interested in that.

In short, she claims and claims and claims and some claims are just not true but others may be. A comment Thornley made is interesting. He said she sounds like a person who has suffered some kind of brain damage, perhaps intentional, and it would take a thorough knowledge of things to separate fact from fancy. An example is her claim that there was a plot to kidnap Luci and her baby to force Johnson and Humphrey to resign at which time the pentagon would move in and take over the government. This was to bring about a complete withdrawal of troops from you-know-where. I am not clear on whether Johnson's decision not to run was the result of a warning from her in prison or not.

To answer a question: I see only the local newspapers here. I have a subscription to TMO, had received but three issues on that subscription - the last being October 1968 - and have had no more, not even a reply to my inquiry about the fact that I don't still receive the magazine. I had sent two gift subscriptions and they both received the October issue and nothing more. I do know there was a November issue but apparently we have been struck from the lists. Horsey had been sent the November issue, he brought it over for me to read and now I've got it!

Of course, I am interested in anything pertaining to Thornley now. I am also interested in anything pertaining to Horsey by any name. Which reminds me that Thornley thinks Horsey is working for Garrison. I think not (although I don't know who else it would be) until I remember Thornley's complaint that Horsey had a lot of knowledge of Thornley's still-secret Grand Jury testimony and I join him in wondering how this could have happened. Harold tells me even he has not been given any information on that and he is also curious.

Back in 1966, Coral said something about saving a gallon of water a week in case of disruption or tampering with water supplies. Well, I began then and am now about crowded out of closet space by gallon jugs of water. Some day I must ask her how long this should go on. Anyway.

A little later I heard about an outage in a couple of states - South Dakota was one of them - which seemed not too important unless you were involved. The thing that attracted my attention was that a few days later, some small town that had to depend upon water brought in by electric pumps was still without power and was, therefore, without water. So I went on saving water by the gallon.

All of the water for St. Petersburg, except for small pumps in shallow wells for the yard, comes to us by pipeline from the well-fields twenty miles to the north. Along the way there are pumping stations to maintain the flow and the pressure. These are electric.

Last night, as you no doubt know by now, there was an outage affecting the state from here south. We noticed nothing except that right after 6 P.M. our lights blinked off momentarily just once. I won't comment on any of the resulting confusion about what caused the outage. This will be covered pretty well in reports to APRO. One thing I noticed in this morning's paper, something "they" had bragged "couldn't ever happen here". Thousands of telephones in the part of St. Petersburg affected by the outage were dead. Our phone company had bragged about their emergency generators that were just waiting for such an occurrence. When the power was restored within a half hour, the phones worked again.

Back to the water. This morning there was a power failure at the pumping station that controls two thirds of our water supply. This was at 9 A.M., following the peak of usage that falls between 7 and 9 A.M. This failure, which has not been discussed at all and no attempt made to explain at all, somehow caused a valve to stick open and a pump to break down all the way. The water continued to be pumped in from the north, it had no way to go but out and that it did. Moreover, all the water in a huge storage tank, with no pressure to keep it there, came out. There is 15 feet of water in the basement of the station and a moderate amount was on the main floor. They have set a deadline of 7 tomorrow morning for repairs to be completed and the pumps started again. If they don't make it, there will be one more serious water problem here.

What interests me is the glaring absence of any explanation of the power failure that brought the whole situation about. They said something vague about, if they tried to start the pumps again too soon (like in case of a hotel fire, etc.) the wet motors would cause a transformer to go. Otherwise, they ignored it.

So I have gone to my closets, one by one, and gazed with fondness on all those lovely jugs of water. Did you ever hear of anything so ridiculous?

Of course, so long as we have electricity we would still have water since we do have a shallow-well pump. But if the power failed here, too, those jugs sure would be welcomed.

Now I have to get to work. Enclosed is a copy of what I spend my spare time on. I prefer to remain anonymous on this so you won't find my name. Anything with no credit or signed, "by Krakki" - that's my handiwork.

I just remembered a question you asked way back. Sylvia never neglected her cat. She couldn't and wouldn't any more than we would. There were other questions I hope I cover soon.

Meantime, best wishes to you both and abject apologies for such neglect.

Sincerely,

