

6/29 I often wonder how paranoid, how credible I sound to others on those occasions I feel I have to share some of the incredibilities within the critical community. I have not burdened you with all of them, enough to give you an idea of what is going on and in some cases where I felt it would be a good idea to have something in independent hands. I think I sent you my letter to Sylvia last week. She has not responded. I had to send it to Howard, who had not asked me to keep what he said confidential but in a letter I did not receive until after I had written her and the two double-crossers did ask that it be confidential. He responded under date of 6/26, agreeing that he had not stipulated confidentiality, saying he is glad it is out in the open, regretting not having informed me earlier of this long-standing campaign, I hardly know a nicer word, against me and my work. He approves my letter to the two young men and preceding these graphs on Sylvis said my letter "impressed me extremely. I have asked myself to what extent are your views in this area influenced by the tremendous interests you have in your own work, and to what extent is it justified." the attached follows. He expresses appreciation for my position on his decision, which is that he has to decide for himself what he regards as right. I wish I could send you a copy of his memo to himself on her phoned belaborings of him and the things she said of me you would hardly believe possible. I do not suggest you think I am nuts or imagine these things and I have, in fact, been aware of them with certainty since the summer of 1967. H

This is not a reflection of my trust or confidence in you; these are questions I must ask myself, as I think you can realize. There are times, esp. when I am swamped with Sylvia's passionate rhetoric, that I am not sure if you are capable of thinking beyond your own interests in terms of the medical evidence, or at least that your heavy interests prevent you from making sober, reliable judgments. But this letter to Sylvia is a great reassurance to me, not only that you can think soberly and rationally with all the interests you have, but also under the horrible emotional burden of the news I brought. I have read that letter over and over, and I hope Sylvia has the decency to read it carefully and openly; still, knowing Sylvia and her hang-ups, it is expecting a lot that she would let your letter change her attitude or cause her to rethink it. Nevertheless, I am unspeakably glad that you wrote such a letter to her. I presume that much of it was in reference to my lengthy memo of our phone conversation. Since I have known her, she has often expressed such things to me regarding her views about you. I have elected, for the most part, not to convey them to you. Now I felt it was time. I am sorry I waited as long as I did.

These are things which Sylvia tells others as well. She is always sure to mention her deep respect for your work (let her actions speak for the depth of her "respect"), and her sympathy for your position, nevertheless there is a deep personal rift between the two of you. I detected it from the moment I ~~met~~ spoke with her, which was virtually the moment we began discussing you. In many personality traits, you and Sylvia are very much alike, and for that reason you are potentially incompatible. It obviously affects her more than you. I really think it is just about all a personal hang-up about you that has caused Sylvia to act as she has. But, as I have tried so futilely to tell her, whether or not people like you or can tolerate you has no bearing on moral and ethical questions regarding the use of your work, as well as other considerations quite removed from matters of personality. But that, to a large degree, is the universal cop-out she offers in apologising for those who crap on you. She knows my position. And if it is not in my character to present it with the force and passion with which the both of you present your position, it is a position which I have never changed, and, to her consternation, she is quite aware of that.

I will keep you updated on everything that happens regarding ~~Wanda~~