

January 27, 1956

Mr. C. B. Hanscom
430 Johnston Hall
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

Dear Chick:

I think you did a swell job with respect to the Burack article. Fred Inbau's reply seems quite forthright but I can't make heads or tails out of what Ordway Hilton is trying to say.

Alex Gregory can give you a very interesting fill-in on Burack. Apparently he has been a professor at the University of Chicago or someplace around there for a good many years and got interested in polygraph work many years ago. Back during the war when Keeler had that project for examining German war prisoners Burack was one of those out there with him, along with Gregory and several others (I am not too sure it was the war prisoner project but it was one of those which Keeler was conducting at that time). At any rate, it seems that Burack simply didn't fit in to the picture and Keeler finally had to send him home. Please make no mention of this information I have just given you. I would much prefer you get this story straight from Alex Gregory who was there and knows all about it.

I hope your health is much improved, Chick, and that you are feeling much like your old self again. Please give my very best to Mrs. Hanscom, and I hope to be seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

LeMoyne Snyder

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Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith copies of letters that I have received regarding our criticism of the Benjamin Burack article which appeared in the September-October issue of the Journal of Criminal Law, Criminology, and Police Science. I would like to have you gentlemen read over the letters very carefully and then mail me your comments. While I do not want to rush you, I would greatly appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,


C. B. Hanson

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Dear Mr. Hanscom:

Thank you for your recent letter and enclosures relating to certification. Very interesting and equally impressive.

It is my understanding that your protest dated January 3 will be published in Mr. Hilton's section -- I presume in our March number. The January-February number is undoubtedly too far along by now. It ought to be very far along.

Yours sincerely,

Robert H. Gault

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Mr. C. B. Hanscom, Dir.
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Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Hanscom:

Thank you for your letter of the 6th. concerning the article
by Mr. Burack in our September-October number, and for the accom-
panying open letter of the 3rd.

I shall send this material at once to Mr. Hilton who is respon-
sible for selecting material for our Police Science Section.
(I beg your pardon - I notice at this moment that you, yourself,
have already sent all the matter to Mr. Hilton and others. I
shall write to him, of course, at once.)

It is very unfortunate -- and here we are, almost up to the
printer's dead-line!

Yours sincerely,

(signed) Robert H. Gault

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Dear Mr. Hanscom:

This is in reply to your letter of January 6 which you sent to several persons including myself regarding the article by Dr. Benjamin Burack in the September-October issue of the Journal.

First of all, let me make this clear: neither I nor John Reid nor anyone connected with the Journal put Dr. Burack up to writing this article or had anything to do with any statement contained therein. Speaking for myself, I thought it best that I should have nothing to do with editing the article. It was critical not only of polygraph examiners generally, but you will notice in several places Dr. Burack is critical of me and of statements in my book. I did think, however, that Dr. Burack had some valid criticisms to make and that the Journal should not hesitate about publishing his views. It certainly would have been improper for me to exert any personal influence upon Dr. Burack in an effort to have him alter or modify his views to conform in any way to my own. It was probably because of our effort to avoid tampering with Dr. Burack's article that accounted for at least one of the erroneous statements regarding the physiology of the subject matter.

For my part, I believe we should publish your comment on Dr. Burack's article and I am offering that suggestion to Mr. Hilton. I might also add that if at any time you or any of your associates submit to us an article upon this subject of Lie Detection which conforms

Mr. C. B. Hanscom - January 11, 1956 - Page Two

to the standard of quality we try to set for Journal articles we shall publish it even though it is vastly different from or even highly critical of my own views. I look upon the Journal as a scientific publication and not as a vehicle for getting in it only what I would like to see published. This also is the explanation, in fact, for the publication of Burack's article which he submitted to us unsolicited.

Sincerely yours,

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(signed) Fred E. Inbau

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Mr. C. B. Hanscom
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Dear Mr. Hanscom:

I have received in the mail a carbon copy of your letter to Professor Robert H. Gault dated January 12, 1956, and the various enclosed mimeographed sheets. I have received a letter earlier from Dr. Gault indicating that he was in receipt of a letter from you which apparently you make reference to in this letter of January 12, but I must admit I am at a total loss as to what I am to do with these mimeographed sheets or what there is about Mr. Burack's article and the Academy of Scientific Interrogation that is at the base of all this.

Of course, you realize that as Editor of Police Science Section of the Journal it is my responsibility to make the final decision on what is published and what is not published. I recall Mr. Burack's article quite well although since receiving your letter of January 12, I have not had an opportunity to reread it in detail. However, I do not recall in his article any consideration or discussion of the Academy of Scientific Interrogation, and I do not know what the controversy is between you and Mr. Burack. If your letter to Dr. Gault is complaining or criticizing us for publishing Mr. Burack's article, I would think that you would have at least sent me a carbon copy. It is quite possible that not knowing the set up of this Journal, which is quite unusual in that there is virtual autonomy between the general sections of the Journal and Police Science, that you would not direct your original inquiry regarding Burack's article to this office.

I presume that all these enclosures that came with this January 12 letter have some bearing on the Burack Article. Certainly, you are not soliciting membership of the various addressees to the carbon copy of Dr. Gault's letter. Would you please clarify this

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matter for me, and if there is some complaint or criticism or comment that is appropriate in connection with the Burack article, I would be only too happy to consider it and take appropriate action.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Ordway Hilton

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May 26, 1960

Mr. C.B. Hanscom
c/o Mr. Chester Solberg
422 Locus Street
Sausalito, California

Dear Chick:

I just now received a copy of your letter to Erle saying that you are going to be in Sausalito tomorrow and I hope it will be possible to see you while you are out in this area.

At present I am up at Paradise and it is uncertain at the moment whether or not I will be back in San Francisco this week-end. I have to be in Sacramento Saturday all day and there is a possibility that I may go on in to San Francisco from there and if I do I will give you a ring at the number mentioned in your letter.

I hope everything is fine with you and it will be wonderful to see you. My telephone number up here at Paradise is TRinity 7-5579 and the number in San Francisco is Filmore 6-3183.

All best,

LMS/vs

LeMoyne Snyder, M.D.

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January 24, 1961

Mr. C.B. Hanscom
4808 - 13th Avenue South
Minneapolis 17, Minnesota

Dear Chick:

I regret being so late in answering your nice letter which arrived just at Christmas time. Unfortunately I had to be out of the state a great deal of the time since your letter arrived and consequently I am just getting around to answer it. Even the Rose Bowl Game has become history in the meantime. I never did hear how that game came out and I would appreciate it if you would drop me a line and let me know.

You are certainly to be congratulated on a remarkable job on the Anello case, particularly in view of the difficulties which you encountered. This case points up dramatically a situation that I have been complaining about for years and that is that so much in the administration of justice depends upon the opinion of pathologists who, although well trained in the usual branches of the subject, have had neither nor experience in the field of homicide or death due to other types of violence. For example in this case, had a high rectal temperature been taken, in all probability it would have revealed the fact that body heat was completely absent and consequently death must have taken place at a time prior to that estimated. I have experienced this same mistake many times before and usually the pathologists err in that they estimate the time of death much later than it actually occurred. Likewise in this particular case it is quite apparent that rigor mortis had not yet started to disappear from the body, but of course that is subject to considerable variations and one of the most important things which influence is the heat of the body.

I have been intimately associated with the polygraph business for a long time. Over the years often a situation like the one you describe has presented itself with the result that the polygraph has been chalked up as a failure because the findings of the examiner didn't seem to square with the known facts. Almost always when the truth eventually became known it was discovered that the polygraph examiner was right all the time and it was the supposed facts which were cockeyed. So many otherwise intelligent people are still of the

Mr. C.B. Hanscom - 13th Avenue S. - Minneapolis 17, Minn.

more discolored. So much appearance disappears because the spirit of the examiner was taken off the time and if was the embargoed facts upon their elementarily become known to was discolored that the doctor's opinion seem to coincide with the known facts. Various studies upon the opinion that by simply talking to a suspect, the way he answers questions, how he looks to them, etc., they can tell whether he is lying or not. The fact is they can't tell anything about it and more often than not they are simply playing a hunch which is largely based on wishful thinking.

One of the cases I investigated a few years ago was that of an innocent man who spent over four years of a life sentence in Pennsylvania for a murder which resembled this very closely. The cause of this miscarriage of justice was an error almost identical to the one in this case except that there the pathologist estimated the time of death by over forty-eight hours. The victim was murdered at night but at the time the convicted man was over two hundred miles away on a hunting trip. Everything seems to be going well in this part of the country and I hope to possibly see you in Chicago at the Forensic Sciences meeting next month. I am toying with the idea of attending meetings of the International Congress of Legal Medicine in Vienna in May and if that should work out it is rather unlikely that I will try to take in the Chicago meeting too. Thanks again for writing me Chick and my very best to you and your family during 1961.

Sincerely,

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Mr. C. B. Hanson

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4808 - 13 Avenue South
Minneapolis 17, Minnesota
December 21, 1960

Dear LeMoyné:

On Saturday, November 19, 1960, at approximately 8:00 p.m. a Mrs. Joseph, (Jean), Anello was found dead in the living quarters of a place of business that she operated three miles north of the village of Siren, Wisconsin. The building is of cement block and wood frame construction. The cement block part of the building housed the restaurant in which she and her husband, Joseph Anello, owned and operated. The wood frame part of the building was the living quarters and contained three partitions which consisted of a bedroom, a combination dining room and kitchen and a utility room which contained a deep freezer, washing machine, etc. It was in the partition that housed the utility room that the body was found. She had been shot twice in the head, once in the forehead and once on the right side of the head. There were two empty .25 caliber Winchester automatic cartridge cases found near the body.

Because of the proximity with the scene of the murder and Minneapolis, the victim was brought to the Hennepin County Morgue in Minneapolis on Sunday morning, November 20, at approximately 11:00 a.m. at which time Dr. Judd, a pathologist from St. Mary's Hospital in Minneapolis, performed the autopsy. Dr. Judd and his assistant, Dr. Ongchangco, established death as sometime between 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 19, 1960.

I am enclosing with this letter a copy of the autopsy which establishes time of death.

The only suspect that the local law enforcement officers had was a seventy-year old man by the name of Charles James Ulrich. They found no weapon and the only motive that caused Ulrich to be a suspect was the fact that the deceased owed Ulrich \$80.00. However, Ulrich had a iron-clad alibi for Saturday, November 19. In fact, part of his alibi was substantiated by people who were not friendly to him. Being up against a stone wall, the Wisconsin authorities asked for my assistance. On December 9th starting at approximately 3:00 p.m. the suspect, Ulrich, was examined on the lie detector in our offices. He showed definite responses to the pertinent questions but when interrogated after the examinations emphatically and categorically denied the killing. In fact, he

just laughed when I told him he had committed the crime and repeated over and over again that he had an iron-clad alibi for Saturday, November 19.

Because the pathologist had fixed the time of death as Saturday and because two witnesses claimed that they had talked to the victim, Mrs. Anello early Saturday morning, November 19, it looked for a while like my lie detector had gone completely haywire. However, I have never doubted it and under condition such as I was operating that afternoon and evening using both control, word association and peak of tension I was sure that Ulrich was guilty of killing Mrs. Anello. I put him back on the machine and used Friday, November 18, as the day of the murder and the responses were startling. At about 1:30 a.m. Saturday, December 10, I received a complete confession from Ulrich in which he admitted killing Mrs. Anello. He stated that he had shot and killed her on Friday, November 18, at approximately 10:30 a.m. He not only gave a complete detail of the crime but the .25 automatic pistol was recovered from his property where he had hidden it behind an old chimney in the chicken coop.

Here is a case, LeMoyne, that would never have been solved without good lie detector technique and without complete faith in the equipment.

Why in heaven's name, LeMoyne, did the pathologist miss the time of death by twenty-five hours? I have always worked under the impression that rigor usually starts in the head and works down to the lower extremities and usually leaves the same way. Also, that when a person dies ~~in-a-fit~~ suddenly in a fit of anger rigor is more pronounced in the facial muscles. You'll also notice on page five of the autopsy report that the pathologist finds fragments of metal in the head and after measuring them declares it to be a .25 caliber bullet. And while I do not know for sure, it is my feeling that the sheriff told the pathologist of the finding of two .25 caliber cartridge cases at the crime scene. This is the first time that I ever heard of a pathologist naming the caliber of a bullet by only fragmentary pieces.

The only heat in the place of business where the murder occurred is a coal stove. Granting that ~~there was fire~~ in the stove at the time of the murder, the fire undoubtedly burned out in a matter of a few hours and the building was cold for at least twenty-four hours prior to the finding of the body, and as you will note, the victim was ~~thinly~~ lightly clothed. The body after death would take on the temperature of the surroundings very quickly. And also in the handling of the body by the authorities in the transportation of it to Minneapolis they would

break some of the rigor from the lower extremities and also from the arms.

I would like very much, LeMoyne, for you to opiniate on this because it is this type of pathologist work and investigation that causes so many unsolved crimes.

Sincere best wishes for a happy holiday to you and your family.

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P.S. I'm of course going to the Rose Bowl game. I understand Munn is playing. Will arrive in Los Angeles on Thursday the 29th. As far as I know now I'll be staying at the Alexander Hotel. If you around, would sure like to see you.

February 6, 1961

Mr. C.B. Hanscom, Director
Department of Police
University of Minnesota
2030 University Avenue S.E.
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

Dear Chick:

I was very glad to hear that you are contemplating going to Vienna in May and I hope that things work out so that I can be there too. Except for the very cheap price on the chartered plane, my personal preference is all for going by boat. I haven't yet looked up schedules and lines but I would certainly consider taking one of the boats on the American Export Line to Genoa or Naples and then it would be only a short hop to Vienna from there. I am going into San Francisco tomorrow for a few days and will prowls around some of the steamship offices and find out about schedules and rates, etc. Sometime ago I sent in a reservation card for a hotel room in Vienna but have heard nothing yet. Do you expect Mrs. Hanscom and your daughter to go along? It is certainly a wonderful opportunity for a European trip and I hope it will be possible to take advantage of it to the utmost.

Sincerely,

LMS/vs

LeMoyne Snyder, M.D.

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27 January 1961

Dr. LeMoyne Snyder
325 Valley View Drive
Paradise, California

Dear LeMoyne:

I want you to know that I appreciate very much your letter under date of January 24th with your remarks regarding the recent investigation of murder conducted by our Department. I am, however, just a little bit concerned about the facetious remark regarding the Rose Bowl game; and, while I know how it came out, I am not going to share my information with you or anyone else.

I, too, have been planning on attending the International Congress of Legal Medicine in May. In fact, I have an application blank for the chartered plane on my desk at the present time, but have been awaiting a letter from the powers-to-be in Vienna regarding my giving a talk on interrogation. I would certainly enjoy making the trip to Europe with you. If you are seriously considering it, will you please advise me so that I can also make my plans.

Sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "hieh", enclosed within a large, loopy blue oval.

C. B. Hanscom
Director

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March 4, 1961

Mr. C.B. Hanscom
4808 - 13th Avenue South
Minneapolis 17, Minnesota

Dear Chick:

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I can't think of anything that would be more fun than to go with you by boat to Europe. However things are so uncertain that I have serious doubts as to whether I am going to be able to make the trip. Consequently as time is getting short I think it is best for you to go ahead and make your own arrangements and I will make it if I can.

If you are interested in steamship sailings during May here are some that you might be interested in:

The American Export Line has a sailing from New York May 13th, arriving in Genoa May 23rd.

The United States Line AMERICA sails May 4th, arriving May 9th at La Havre, and the UNITED STATES sails May 12th and arrives May 18th.

The Holland-America Line MAASDAM sails May 4th and arrives at Rotterdam May 15th and the NOORDAM sails May 13th and arrives the 22nd.

On the French Line the FLANDRE sails May 3rd and arrives at La Havre on the 10th and the LIBERTE sails the 11th and arrives on the 17th.

Any one of these would be very good and several of these ships I have crossed on before. I think my preference would be on the American Export Line sailing May 13th, and while it doesn't arrive in Genoa until the 23rd it is only a very short hop from there over to Vienna.

I haven't heard of anyone else who is planning to go but undoubtedly there will be quite a few going over and I certainly hope that I will be able to make it.

All best,

LMS/vs

LeMoyne Snyder, M.D.

April 15, 1961

Mr. C.B. Hanscom
4808 - 13th Avenue South
Minneapolis 17, Minnesota

Dear Chick:

It now looks like I am going to be able to make the trip to Vienna but as it is too late to get steamship reservations I plan to go on the charter flight and hope you will also be aboard.

It will be a pleasure to be with you on this trip and I look forward to a wonderful time.

Sincerely,

LMS/vs

LeMoyne Snyder, M.D.

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May 13, 1961

Mr. C.B. Hansoom
4808 - 13th Avenue South
Minneapolis 17, Minnesota

Dear Chick:

I have just returned from three weeks in the East and find your welcome letter saying that you are going along on the trip. This is great news and I am sure you will have a wonderful time.

Louise or none of the children are going with me as this comes at just the wrong time of the year. I haven't had a chance to look at the program yet and I have no idea how many are going from this country. At any rate I think we will have a most enjoyable trip.

Sincerely,

LMS/vs

LeMoyne Snyder, M.D.

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June 24, 1961

Mr. C.B. Hanscom
4808 - 13th Avenue South
Minneapolis 17, Minnesota

Dear Chick:

I never did hear whether you ever got home and in the general mixup when we got off the plane I never had an opportunity to look you up and say good-by. I am anxious to hear all about what happened when you got back and I am especially interested to know how your pictures turned out---particularly if you got some good ones of the girls in the basket at the Follies.

At any rate Chick I never had a finer time in my life and this whole trip was one for the book. If any of us ever have a chance to go again I don't know how we could have more fun or a more enjoyable time than we had on that trip. I think it is not too early now to make definite plans for Paris in '64 and at any rate it will be something to look forward to.

All best,

LMS/vs

LeMoyne Snyder, M.D.

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July 15, 1961

Mr. C.B. Hanscom
4808 - 13th Avenue South
Minneapolis 17, Minnesota

Dear Chick:

Many thanks for your very nice letter and again I repeat that I couldn't have enjoyed myself more. The name of the hotel in Bourge was the Hotel de L'Europe. I look forward to seeing the pictures when you get them ready.

Are you planning on coming to the A.S.I. meeting in San Francisco on August 21st? If you are, plan to stay at our apartment in Sausalito which is handy to everything. If Mrs. Hanscom comes with you there will be plenty of room. All of my family will be in Paradise at the time so we will have the place to ourselves.

All best.

LMS/vs

LeMoyne Snyder, M.D.

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2030 UNIVERSITY AVENUE S.E.

11 July 1961

Dr. LeMoyne Snyder
325 Valley View Drive
Paradise, California

Dear Le Moyne:

It was nice of you and Marsh to call early this morning and I say this not in a facetious way, but only to apologize for my seemingly stupid answer to the "Ah-So" salutation that greeted me when I said, 'hello'.

As you undoubtedly know, I am the world's worst procrastinator. It has been my intention every since my arrival in Minneapolis from our European travels to write to both you and Marsh, but particularly to thank you for your kindness and consideration in making my trip one of the highlights of my career. Believe me to be most sincere, Le Moyne, when I write this because without you I would have spent the greater part of the two weeks after the congress in roaming aimlessly around the continent. Your explanations and answers to what might have seemed to you very stupid questions, gave me an understanding of the things that we saw that I would not otherwise have gained.

I am sorry that my pictures of the balloon descending at the Foles Bergere were a failure. Part of it undoubtedly was due to my being a very amateur photographer; but, I am sure the greatest part of the failure was caused by my being completely awed by the view. It has been many years since I was a student of brain anatomy and, consequently, scenes like that make it very difficult for one to keep their mind on anything but the extraordinary.

However, a lot of my pictures did turn out fairly well and I have several exceptionally good ones of you that I will have finished and will forward them to you. In all sincerity, I am looking forward to the next congress in Paris and sincerely hope that the good Lord will make it possible for me to attend. But, regardless of that fact, I do heartily recommend the "Snyder Tour." While there was considerable griping on your part to furnish us with a cigarette lighter; nevertheless, everything else was very satisfactory.



LeMoyne Snyder
11 July 1961
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I have the names of all the hotels that we stayed at with one exception and that is the hotel that we spent the night at in Bourge, France. I am wondering if you remember the name.

My sincere best wishes to you and the family.

Sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that appears to read "Rick". The signature is enclosed within a large, hand-drawn blue oval.

C. B. Hanscom
Director

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P.S. I sent Mrs. Breitenacker a little gift the other day, but had lost the home address that you gave me so I sent it in care of the University of Vienna. I hope that she receives it. With the gift, I sent the extra stamps that I had left over from Austria with the explanation that I had left Austria without using them. I don't know what the hell I am going to do with my Lickenstein stamps.

August 12, 1961

Mr. C.B. Hanscom
Department of Police
University of Minnesota
2030 University Avenue S.E.
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

Dear Chick:

I am enclosing three pictures that I thought you might like for your album on the trip, two of them are taken at Landek and the one of the mountain is from our hotel window. If you recall the other is in front of the opera house in Vienna.

I am sorry you are not going to get out for the convention because I think we could have a lot of fun. I don't know what this business is about changing the name but on general principals I am against it just as you are. I don't know anything about the proposition of making you a life-time member but I will use my own judgement on that if the matter comes up.

I wish there were some way that I could hear your lecture about the trip because I'll bet it is interesting. However this is for sure --- of all the thousands of people going to Europe this Summer there are dog-gone few of them that will have as good a time as we did.

Take care of yourself and give me all the dope.

All best,

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LeMoyne Snyder, M.D.

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DEPARTMENT OF POLICE
2030 UNIVERSITY AVENUE S.E.

31 July 1961

Dr. LeMoyne Snyder
325 Valley View Drive
Paradise, California

Dear LeMoyne:

I do very much appreciate your invitation to stay with you at your apartment in Sausalito during the annual meeting of the Academy for Scientific Interrogation. However, I am unable to attend the meeting; and, consequently, will not be able to accept your kind invitation. It would, however, have been fun discussing our recent conducted "Snyder Tour" through Europe. It will now have to be left until a later date.

I understand there are two matters to come before the Academy meeting that are of importance to me. One, the proposal for changing the name of the Academy; and, for my part, I seriously object, unless they have an exceptionally good reason for it. Number two, my nomination for a life-time membership. If you attend the meeting, which you indicate you are going to do, I would appreciate hearing from you regarding these two points and, of course, anything else that occurs at the meeting.

Sincere regards to you and your family.

Yours very truly,



C. B. Hanscom
Director

CBH:mk



November 25, 1961

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Dear Chick:

A million thanks for the colored photographs you sent me taken on the flight this Summer. They are swell and will serve to remind me of what a wonderful trip we had.

Minnesota seems to be riding high in football again this year and I am hoping that this afternoon Michigan can knock over Ohio State. I hope to get out to the meeting in Chicago in February and look forward to meeting you at that time. In a few days you should receive a memento of our trip which I am sending and which can probably help out with your Christmas decorations.

All best and again many thanks.

Mr. C.B. Hanscom
4808 - 13th Avenue South
Minneapolis 17, Minnesota

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21 November 1961

Dr. LeMoyne Snyder
325 Valley View Drive
Paradise, California

Dear LeMoyne:

I am enclosing herewith two of the pictures that I took
one the plane going to Vienna. In the one picture you
appear very studious and in the other it would indicate
that you were really having a good time.

Will I see you in Chicago in February?

Sincere regards,

Rich

C. B. Hanscom
Director

CBH:mk
Encls.



February 5, 1962

Mr. Chick Hanscom
4808 - 13th Avenue South
Minneapolis 17, Minnesota

Dear Chick:

Thank you very much for the materials you sent me on the Larson case. This morning I received the report of the microscopic findings of the pathologist which I have not yet had an opportunity to go over.

There are several baffling things about this case and I need a little more time to give it study and thought before I venture an opinion about it. For example it is very hard to reconcile the injuries this woman received on the basis of falling on to the power take-off. If you can give me a few days more I will write you my opinion (if I can form one) as to what probably actually happened. One thing which is very puzzling, and unfortunately there is little reliable information, and that is just when death took place. Other than a statement that her hands were cold there seems to be no information about body temperature, rigor mortis and such matters. Do you know whether any careful examination was made of the house and premises to see if there was any evidence of blood or signs that the victim could have been killed at some spot other than where the body was found? The injuries to the pelvis and chest suggest that they were due to crushing and the likely explanation would be that the body had been crushed by a wheel of the tractor.

At any rate these are a few of the things going through my mind and I will communicate with you either by letter or telephone in a few days. Thank you for sending this to me as it is a very interesting case and I hope I can be of some help to you.

All best,

LMS/vr

LeMoyne Snyder, M.D.

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February 17, 1962

Mr. C.B. Hanscom
4808 - 13th Avenue South
Minneapolis 17, Minnesota

Dear Chick:

I have had to be out of town the last few days and consequently have not made much progress on the report of the Larson case. I am preparing a statement on my views about the medical evidence and a few other matters and have decided to take it with me, along with all the materials you sent, to Chicago. There we can discuss the matter at length and you can take the file back with you.

I look forward to seeing you and I think we should take this occasion to plan the invasion of Paris in '64.

All best,

LMS/vr

LeMoyne Snyder, M.D.

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March 17, 1962

Der Grosse Hanscom, Direktor
4808 - 13th Avenue South
Minneapolis 17, Minnesota

C Dear Chick:

Thank you for your very nice letter about the Larson case and our meeting in Chicago. While that room we occupied was sort of steep, I think we all had a wonderful time and it was well worth it.

O With respect to the Larson case --- while I have considerable doubt that anything very helpful will be turned up in the second autopsy I shall still be very interested to hear what they find and what happens in general. As things stand at present I think it would be a mistake to indict Larson because I think there will be little chance of convicting him and there is always a good possibility that something will turn up in the next few months that will be much more conclusive of either his guilt or innocence. However I will greatly appreciate it if you will keep me informed of what happens.

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Y One of the disappointing things about this whole affair was to discover that your credit is no good. I was pleased when you sent me the check which I filled out for what I thought was a very modest sum considering the invaluable contribution I have made on this case. I first gave it to the paper boy in payment for last week's Paradise Post and he took one look at it and said, "Dat Hanscom --- ah nuts!" A few minutes later a couple of Jehovah's Witnesses came to the door and I told them that I would be glad to buy a copy of the WATCH TOWER and handed them your check. They took one look at it and responded, "As it is written in Galatians 1:211 'Seven a day makes one weak'". Well to make a long story short, I have tried to pass it off on the cobbler, Department of Internal Revenue and everyone I can think of and I always get the same response, "If the Great Hanscom is from the University of Minnesota that check is no more valid than the desire of the players on their lousy football team to get an education! Consequently I prefer to figure that anything I did on the Larson case was just my little contribution to a good cause and let it go at that."

Louise and I were all set to sail tomorrow for a holiday in Honolulu but the strike has tied things up so that we will be flying over in a week or so. All best to you and the family and I look forward to seeing you in Paris in '64. Furthermore at that

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Der Grosse Hanscom, Direktor 3-17-62 page 2.

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Dear Chuck:

Minnegabots 12, Minnegas
#808 - 13th Avenue South
Der Grosse Hanscom, Direktor

March 12, 1962

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY

Case title
Dr. Alexander, pathologist on 12-19-61
Pathologist Dr. John I. Gee, pathologist on 4-27-62
Autopsy No. **UFA-62-834**

Physician _____ Hospital No. _____

Patient **Martha Larsen** Age **53** Sex **F** Race **W**
Date, Hour—Death **12/19/61** Autopsy **Reexamination 4-27-62**
Mortuary **Hennepin County Morgue**

Clinical Data: _____

Specimens Preserved

This woman was apparently caught on a power take-off of a tractor but due to a variety of circumstances, some question as to the cause of death resulted. Certain facts not being too clearly stated in the first autopsy, a second autopsy was requested. Order for the autopsy was properly obtained and signed by U. G. Patterson, coroner of Murray County. For further details, consult the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the coroner of Murray county, and the proper police officials.

AUTOPSY

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION: The body is that of a gray haired, white female, 5 feet 3 inches in length and weighing an estimated 175 pounds. The hair is gray and brown in back. The eyes and mouth have been prepared for burial and are not available for examination. There are sutured incisions at the base of the neck on both sides and the usual "Y" shaped incision of the pathologist going through the upper portions of the breasts and down on the left of the umbilicus to the pubis. There are patches of green mold growing over the anterior and lateral aspects of the right thigh, the left wrist, and the dorsum of the left hand. A single small patch is found on the anterior aspect of the right shoulder. Lesser amounts are found over the right lower leg. The most destruction by mold has occurred on the left hand where there is whitish discoloration, wrinkling, and slippage of the skin. Other skin changes seem most consistent with ante mortem pathology. There is a large, essentially rectangular area of partial compression and brownish discoloration over the superior portion of the chest anteriorly and laterally on the right side. This area of discoloration and skin change is found to extend along the anterior portion of the right upper arm to the same level as the discoloration on the right chest. Despite the appearance of compression and leather-like color, there is almost no evidence of bleeding into the skin at this point. A similar band is found running along the course of the 10th, 11th, and 12th ribs on the lateral aspect of the right chest from the posterior axillary line to just in front of the anterior axillary line. This also has a shiny, leather-like surface. In contrast to these, there is definite purplish discoloration with superficial abrasions over the lateral aspect of the right hip and a smaller, less discolored area over the lateral aspect of the crest of the ilium on the right side. All of these are photographed to show their size, shape, and location. There is an abnormal bend in the upper portion of the right arm consistent with a fracture of the humerus. The anterior portion of the head appears normal but examination of the scalp posteriorly reveals just to the right of the midline over the upper portion of the occipital bone, a linear

laceration approximately 3 cm. in length with apparent sharp edges.

Extensive external photographs having been taken by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the body was again opened through the initial "Y" shaped incision. Anteriorly all organs were mixed with a putty-like, gray material and portions of organs could be distinguished when this was cleaned off so that portions of heart, lung, brain, intestinal tract, liver, spleen, etc. could be identified. In their cut up state they revealed no pathology with the exception of several portions of the brain which showed a small amount of subarachnoid hemorrhage and a portion of the upper cervical cord and cerebellum that showed questionable cerebellar coning. When the organs had been cleared out, clay was removed as far as possible from the thoracic cage and abdominal cavity. There were found to be fractures of the 3rd through 11th ribs, the 3rd rib being fractured in the anterior axillary line and subsequent fractures being found progressively more laterally down to about the level of the 7th rib and then posteriorly so that the fractures of the 11th rib occurs only 4 cm. from its attachment to the vertebral body. Because of the clinging, gray, putty-like substance which is difficult to scrape off or wash off, it is difficult to tell if there has been any hemorrhage around the fracture sites. As far as can be determined, however, only a very minimal amount of bleeding was seen. Everything was then scraped away from the pelvic bones on the right so that the actual bone surface was exposed in all areas and no evidence of any fracture could be found. The right arm was then opened and a simple but irregular fracture at about the juncture of the proximal and middle third of the humerus was noted. The bones were displaced so that there had been some chewing up of the muscle but no hemorrhage was found at the site of the fracture. Cuts through the leathery-like areas of discoloration on the anterior chest revealed no evidence of hemorrhage in the underlying tissue whereas cuts through the purplish area of the right hip revealed purplish staining of the underlying fat consistent with a true ecchymosis.

Examination of the scalp wound reveals evidence of subcutaneous and subgaleal hemorrhage at this site. The scalp was opened through the incision of the previous pathologist and the calvarium removed and saved for future examination along with the edges of the wound in the scalp. There is extensive ^{blood staining} hemorrhage in the cranial vault. At the top of the occiput there is an essentially round area in which a piece of bone has been obviously driven in since the outer diameter is approximately 1.5 cm. while the inner diameter is approximately 3 cm. Only about three-quarters of this circle is present since other fracture lines extend into it and the piece of bone derived from this defect cannot be definitely identified. Extending from this area are numerous fractures going through the occipital bone, through the foramen magnum laterally in both directions to involve the temporal bones and sphenoid bones. These fractures were comminuted and many of the fragments were lying in the cranial vault. Photographs of the fractures were taken by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and myself.

MICROSCOPICS

Soft tissue from right arm,
at fracture site:

Striated muscle is well preserved and shows lacerations of the myocytes at one end of the section but no evidence of any hemorrhage present about the muscle where it has been injured.

Brain:

A section from the cerebrum, the exact location of which is not apparent, shows evidence of subarachnoid bleeding but no evidence of cerebral contusion or hemorrhage. A section of cerebellum is normal.

Skin of chest:

There is marked compression of the epidermis with some streaming of the nuclei in the epithelial cells as though the tissue had been dried, cooked, or under marked pressure. There is no evidence of hemorrhage in the chorium or subcutaneous fat tissue. The collagen fibers have been compressed together to form an almost homogeneous, eosinophilic band under the epidermis.

Skin from thigh:

In contrast to the skin from the chest, the epidermis, while showing some effect from drying, does not show the streaming of the nuclei and the underlying collagen is distinguished as individual fibers. Several tiny areas of hemorrhage are found in the chorium and a number of perivascular areas of hemorrhage are found in the subcutaneous fat just beneath the chorium.

COMMENT:

The information from this examination supports the following conclusions:

1. That at least some of the injuries to the skull and the bruise of the right hip were sustained ante mortem.
2. That one injury of the skull indicates the bone was struck by an essentially round object approximately 1.5 cm. in diameter which "punched out" a button of bone. Other fractures would be consistent with blunt trauma.
3. That the fracture of the right arm, the skin changes of the chest, and probably the rib fractures occurred post mortem.
4. That there was no fracture of the right pelvis as previously reported.

31 May 1962

Dr. LeMoyne Snyder
325 Valley View Drive
Paradise, California

Dear LeMoyne:

First, let me thank you for the colored pictures that you sent to me commemorating our trip to Europe last year. I felt that I was going to get the jump on both you and Marsh by sending you an anniversary card; but you, ever mindful of the possible income from the "Snyder Tour Service," sent me the pictures at the same time that I sent the anniversary card. They undoubtedly passed each other in transit. I do want you to know, however, how very much I appreciate it.

I am enclosing with this letter a copy of the report of Dr. John I. Coe, Hennepin County Pathologist. Because of the pressure of some of the citizens in the county where this alleged accident of Mrs. Martha Larson took place, it was decided to disinter her body and bring it to Minneapolis for further pathological study. This was done on April 27, 1962, and the copy of the report is the results of this examination by Dr. Coe.

You will notice in his comments that at least some of the injuries occurred post mortem and that the injury to the skull that undoubtedly caused death occurred ante mortem. This falls in line with the conclusions that I had reached, both in the investigation and lie detector examinations, that she was killed and then placed in the power take-off. You will also note in paragraph 4 of his comments that there was no fracture of the right pelvis. This, too, in my opinion, indicates that she was carefully placed in the power take-off and that the power take-off was allowed to run only a few seconds before it was shut off by human hands.

I am sure you remember the comments that I made to you in my first letter regarding this case, together with my comments in Chicago, that all of the engineers and experienced farm tractor men that I contacted agreed that the human arm could not stop the rotation of the power take-off, unless by a queer coincidence that there was a malfunction of the



Dr. LeMoyne Snyder
31 May 1962

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tractor at the same time that the arm became engaged in the power take-off. The area of the body that first came into contact with the power take-off is just below the right shoulder and is not a point where you can fall into it without suffering severe injury to the face and other parts of the body.

I am not attempting to convince you that this is murder; although, I firmly believe it is. I would, however, like to have you make a few comments after you read Dr. Coe's report. We were able to ascertain that there had been considerable domestic difficulty within the Larson family several years prior to the alleged accident and her death and that these domestic incidents occurred at about the same time that he met Mrs. Sande, the girlfriend at whose home he is presently living. Also, it is a little bit difficult for me to understand why he has never filed for the \$20,000.00 accident insurance policy. Mrs. Larson's death occurred in early December of 1961, some seven or eight months ago, and, as yet, he has not filed a claim for payment of this policy.

I have been invited to speak at Los Angeles State College in September and may get a chance to see you then. I also have received an invitation to teach for a period of six months at the University in South Vietnam. We are presently training one of their psychologists from that University.

Sincere regards to Louise, the family, and yourself.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. B. Hanscom", is enclosed within a blue oval.

C. B. Hanscom
Director

CBH:mk
Encl.

June 6, 1962

Mr. C.B. Hanscom, Director
Department of Police
University of Minnesota
2030 University Avenue S.E.
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

Dear Chick:

It is pleasant to think back on what we were doing just a year ago. If memory serves me correctly this is the day that we were driving from Tours to Paris, stopping to see the Cathedral at Chartres and also where you first saw what real traffic was like when we crossed the circle at the Arch of Triumph. That was certainly a great trip and I hope we can have another.

I have read the report of the autopsy performed by Dr. Coe. There seems to be little question that many of the injuries, such as the broken arm, were produced after death had taken place. This autopsy throws much more light on the subject than we had before.

I have very little doubt if any but what this woman was murdered. On the other hand I think that time is running with us rather than against us in bringing this man to trial because I think that his own acts in the interim are very suggestive and corroborate the whole theory of murder. In other words I think the chances of getting a conviction are infinitely better now than they were last Winter and I think they probably would be even stronger 3 or 4 months from now. The fact that he has made no claim as yet on the insurance policy, living with this other woman, etc., all help. His record on the polygraph also bolsters decidedly my belief that he killed his wife.

I think that now it is simply a matter of strategy. Nothing further is likely to develop from the medical standpoint but I think that considerable might develop from his own actions. If this were a case over which I had any control my inclination at present is that I would simply lie low until about the first of September and then give him the works. A lot of things may happen in the meantime which would greatly strengthen the case against him.

Mr. C. B. Hanscom, Director June 6, 1962 page 2.

With the work. A lot of things may happen in the meantime until Monday at which time I will report the trial of September and then give case over until I see and confer with instruction of Bureau is that I trust considerable might develop from his own actions. If this were a further is likely to develop from the negative approach and I think I appreciate your sending this additional report and hoping I will be extremely interested to see how things turn out.

My wife. All best to your wonderful family and I hope that you can get together soon. In other words, etc., all right. His record on from now. The fact that he was made to testify as let on the influence of the and I think they probably would be. Sincerely, 3 or 4 months before a conviction are infinitely better than they were just the more freely of which. In other words I think the chances of this his own acts in the interest are very suggestive and corroborate LMS/vr from against him in planning for the future. I think will be. On the other hand I think that time is running with him I have very little doubt it and not what this woman was before.

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Best Chuck:

Minneapolis Jr. Minnesota
5030 University Avenue S.E.
University of Minnesota
Department of Justice
Mr. C. B. Hanscom, Director

June 6, 1962

August 28, 1962

Mr. C.B. Hanscom
Department of Police
2030 University Avenue S.E.
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

Dear Chick:

I had already received a program for the meeting in Los Angeles and notice that you are to have a prominent part in it. I am sorry that it will be impossible for me to attend as I am presently involved in a case that beats anything that I have ever encountered before. A man by the name of Imbler is scheduled to be executed on September 12th and he is completely innocent of the crime and in addition was cleared by an exhaustive polygraph test by the L.A.P.D. The only evidence against him was the personal identification by three of the sorriest eye-witnesses you ever encountered. I can't go into all of the details as it would take all day but suffice it to say that I have never come across the equal of this one before.

We were expecting Marsh and Mary and four of their daughters up today but I learned just yesterday that Marsh has had an attack of gall stones so the trip has been postponed. I don't know whether he is going to have an operation at this time or not.

All best to you on your talk and I am sorry it will be impossible to get together on this occasion.

Sincerely,

LMS/vr

LeMoyne

P.S. What has happened on your power take off case?

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UNIVERSITY OF *Minnesota*

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE
2030 UNIVERSITY AVENUE S.E. • MINNEAPOLIS 14

24 August 1962

Dr. LeMoyne Snyder
325 Valley View Drive
Paradise, California

Dear LeMoyne:

I am enclosing herewith a program of the Polygraph Examiners Clinic which is to be held at Los Angeles State College in Los Angeles. As you will note, I am one of the speakers. I am also giving the keynote address at 10:00 on Tuesday morning, September 4th, and am using as my subject, "Training as it Pertains to Polygraph Examiners."

I am going to hit this training ~~program~~ ^{Problem} exceptionally hard and, undoubtedly, will incur the wrath of many of those present at the seminar. However, you know that I have long been an advocate of training at the college level for polygraph examiners and have objected strongly to the private schools who are in the program strictly for the profit involved; and, as you know, at one time, one was considered a "diploma mill." In fact, that present school is being operated by the manufacturer of the Keeler instrument and uses it as a sales program for their lie detector.

I would like very much to see you while I am in Los Angeles and would be very hopeful that you might be able to attend the seminar, especially for my keynote address. I will be staying with my sister, Mrs. W. K. Neal of 1343 Goucher Street, Pacific Palisades, California, which is just outside of Santa Monica. I do not know their telephone number, but it would be listed under their name.

I will be leaving Minneapolis at 7:00 p.m. next Thursday, August 30th, via Western Airlines Jet and will arrive in Los Angeles at 9:27 that night and plan to stay in Los Angeles until the 7th of September.

Sincere regards to Louise, the family, and yourself.



Chick



September 8, 1962

Mr. C.B. Hanscom, Director
Department of Police
University of Minnesota
2030 University Avenue S.E.
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

Dear Chick:

I am terribly sorry that while you were in California I didn't have an opportunity to show you any hospitality or attend the meeting in Los Angeles. This happened to come at a most inopportune time for me because I was involved in a case in which I was trying to save an innocent man from the gas chamber who was scheduled to die on September 12th. It's the darndest case I ever got into and I hope sometime to have a chance to tell you all about it. Needless to say my associate in investigating this case and myself were busy day and night for a period of several weeks.

Fortunately the supreme court a couple of days ago granted a writ of habeas corpus which postpones the execution indefinitely and the hearing on it will be November 13th. That hearing will really be something because I have never encountered such skulduggery and dishonest practice of both the police and prosecutor in my life.

I read your speech which you were so kind to send me and think it is excellent. I was also happy to see that the Los Angeles Times gave you a nice write up together with your picture.

Marsh and Mary and four of the children were up over the Labor Day weekend but I was so tied up on this Imbler case that I got to see them for only a few moments. With all good wishes and I hope we can get together soon.

Sincerely,

LMS/vr

LeMoyne Snyder, M.D.

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29 August 1962

Dr. LeMoyne Snyder
325 Valley View Drive
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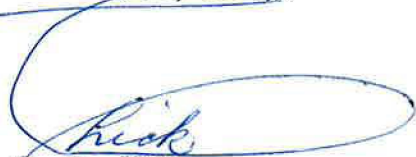
Dear LeMoyne:

I enclose herewith a Summation of the Keynote Address that I am giving at Los Angeles State College and would greatly appreciate your comments regarding it.

I was in hopes that I might be able to see you while in California, but my time will be limited. I only expect to be there about five or six days. However, if it is possible, don't be surprised if I do show up; have a bed waiting for me.

Sincere regards to Louise, yourself, and the family.

Yours very truly,


C. B. Hanscom
Director

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Encl.



12 September 1962

Dr. LeMoyne Snyder
325 Valley View Drive
Paradise, California

Dear LeMoyne:

While in Los Angeles last week, I read the supreme court action in the Imbler case and was certainly happy to know that this gives you additional time.

Lt. Earl Deemer of the Los Angeles Police Department was talking to me at the clinic at Los Angeles State College and, knowing that he was formerly with the lie detection unit of the Crime Laboratory in Los Angeles, I briefly mentioned the Imbler case. He indicated that he had not given the polygraph examinations on Imbler, but that he was familiar with both the case and the examinations and that it was his impression that the charts indicated that Imbler was guilty of possible accidental shooting; and, through their recommendation, they wanted to charge Imbler with third degree. I am only giving this to you for what its worth because I did not desire to discuss it with him any further.

The Polygraph Clinic at Los Angeles State College was very successful and it is my firm belief, and also the opinion of Cleve Backster, that the International Association of Polygraph Examiners on the West Coast has taken a definite step forward in the field and, within a short period of time, will be a nationally recognized organization swallowing up, so to speak, the A.S.I. They are an energetic group, very interested in the field and its techniques, and are working in close harmony.

My sincere regards to you and the family.

Yours very truly,

Rich

C. B. Hanscom
Director

CBH:mk



November 9, 1962

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and furthermore if possible the notice in the case of the parties.
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I was sorry to hear that you have been under the weather
and had had an operation. I am relieved to know that everything
seems to be O.K. and that you will not have any further trouble.
You asked for a little free professional advice and I would be
glad to give it to you except for the fact that I am very sore at
anything connected with the University of Minnesota at the present
time.

As much as I have heard of Warren Holmes I actually
don't know the fellow. Of course I knew that he had played quite
a prominent part in the A.S.I. the last few years. But it seems
to me that the practices advocated by Holmes in his address simply
undo what we have been trying to accomplish for the last twenty-five
years in the field of scientific interrogation.

I am impressed that what Holmes is advocating is not
scientific interrogation at all but a modified form of the third
degree. He says on the bottom of page 11, "We've had people
twenty-two, twenty-six hours of constant interrogation one after
another and they walked out of the room with more health, more
vitality than we had. Six of us working on him. They can't talk
to me about that brain washing business." In the last four or five
years the United States courts have had some very uncomplimentary
things to say about such tactics and cases have been reversed where
such methods were used.

Mr. C.B. Hanscom - November 9, 1962 - page 2.

My experience with the polygraph goes back nearly thirty years and during fifteen of those years I was a member of a large police organization which was the first one in the United States to establish an interrogation laboratory within the department. In the early days there was a tendency to try to make a polygraph examination a substitute for sound and thorough police investigation. A confession was all that was needed. However we became aware of the fact that trying to obtain a confession or even obtaining a confession was a lazy and unsatisfactory way of trying to determine the real facts in a case. If the principal purpose of a polygraph test is to obtain a confession I would abandon the whole procedure and dissolve the H.A.S.I. at once.

During the existence of the Court of Last Resort we reviewed literally hundreds and hundreds of cases involving possible miscarriage of justice. In many situations where it was found that the convict was actually innocent his conviction had been obtained by a confession. I became impressed and thoroughly convinced of this fact which I will state with emphasis---WITHOUT PHYSICAL TRAUMA, IT IS POSSIBLE TO MAKE ALMOST ANY INNOCENT PERSON CONFESS TO ANY CRIME INCLUDING MURDER. Psychologic and mental trauma with fatigue are just as effective as the rubber hose and our courts are awakening up to that fact.

What happens to an innocent man who falls into the hands of Holmes if he interrogates first and diagnoses later as he states? Cleaning up a case with a false confession is not promoting the administration of justice. The conviction of innocent persons is a serious but still unrecognized problem in this country. Today on death row in San Quentin Prison is one man that I know is innocent and at least three others that I feel are probably innocent. The scientific and humane use of the polygraph in the interrogation of suspects is a wonderful aid in uncovering the guilty suspect and an even greater help in protecting the innocent person who is wrongly accused.

When the technique is employed in a manner advocated by Holmes in his address it renders no service to the cause of justice and furthermore it downgrades the police in the eyes of the public.

The above remarks express my thoughts on this matter and please feel free to use anything in this letter which may be of help to you.

November 8, 1962

Sincerely yours,

LMS/vr

LeMoyne Snyder, M.D.

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE
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1 November 1962

Dr. LeMoyne Snyder
325 Valley View Drive
Paradise, California

Dear LeMoyne:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a talk given by Warren Holmes at Boston, Massachusetts during the recent A.S.I. convention. I did not attend the convention, but Alex Gregory told me that he walked out in disgust and is all through with the organization.

The recording tape was sent to me by Lester Thompson of the Sheriff's Office at Tallahassee, Florida, with no letter of transmittal. It, undoubtedly, was sent to me because of the disturbance that it has created and, I guess, because I am the most controversial figure in the field and enjoy a good fight. This, of course, is the old Irish background that comes out most of the time.

Warren Holmes also gave a talk at our recent meeting in Los Angeles, California, and he talked about on the same lines--very abusive as far as his interrogation technique is concerned and belittling the lie detector. He also indicated that Miami, Florida, had the highest crime rate of any city in the country, but they knew how to handle it; and he further said that only they knew how to deal with the "Niger" problem. I think this sort of thing is most disgraceful and will cause no end of trouble. I am not attempting to involve you in this, but I would like to have you carefully read his talk and send me your comments. I will not use them without your permission, but only incorporate them in my attempt to censor Warren Holmes.

Three weeks ago, I had surgery on my left shoulder for the removal of a tumor. They took the stitches out last week and told me that the biopsy indicated that it was benign. This, of course, was exceptionally good news, because they had me worried for several weeks. However, the surgeon did indicate that it was related to the accident in the Air Force, which occurred in 1943, because of the constant and very troublesome pain and partial paralysis of the left arm. I have an appointment with Dr. Baker, my neurologist,



Dr. LeMoyne Snyder
1 November 1962

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at 2:30 this afternoon and may get some verdict; however, I'm sick and tired of being a guinea pig and I am thoroughly disgusted with operating tables. I have seen too many of them in the last three or four years. You might give me a little free professional advise.

It is my understanding that Erle did have a heart attack and I am concerned about his health. Have you any prognosis on his condition or any information regarding him?

My sincere regards to Louise and yourself.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Hanscom", is enclosed within a large, hand-drawn blue oval.

C. B. Hanscom
Director

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Encl.

P.S. Time is of the essence, LeMoyne, regarding the Holmes matter and I would like a good review from you as quickly as possible, knowing that you are exceptionally busy.

February 15, 1964

Mr. C.B. Hanscom
Department of Police
University of Minnesota
2030 University Avenue S.E.
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota 55406

Dear Chick:

Just received your letter. I'll admit it's tough to keep track of you with changes of address and I am a little surprised to find you haven't also changed your name which would make it still harder to find you.

I heard from Alex only yesterday and his plans are up in the air so that he didn't want to make a reservation at the Drake. At any rate a week or so ago I sent in a reservation for Marsh and myself. With your plans still on a tentative basis I think it would be best for you to get a reservation for yourself and then I think that when we get to Chicago if we all show up we can get accommodations to take care of the whole party. It has been a long time since I have seen you and there are many things I want to talk about. I am up to my neck in a bunch of capital cases here and will be in Los Angeles all next week attending a supreme court hearing. Marsh and I will be arriving in Chicago on the afternoon of Wednesday, the 26th. I certainly hope you can make it and look forward to seeing you at that time.

All best,

LMS/vr

LeMoyne Snyder, M.D.

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11 February 1964

Dr. LeMoyne Snyder
325 Valley View Drive
Paradise, California

Dear LeMoyne:

Some day I am in great hopes that you will be able to catch up with the world around you and at least, for the time being, keep abreast of the current times. I have not lived at 4808 - 13th Avenue South for sometime. My present address is 4735 Folwell Drive, Minneapolis, Minnesota, zip code 55406, and my telephone number is 721-1592. Because you have neglected to keep track of your old friends, your letter under date of February 1st was delayed for ten days.

My present plans are to attend the Academy meeting in Chicago. However, these are strictly tentative and are contingent on several other problems presently confronting me. I will try to let you know as quickly as possible, however, if I am able to attend and, if so, would appreciate very much sharing a suite with Alex, Marsh and yourself. In fact, I will extend every effort to get to Chicago, if only for a social hour with your three outlaws.

While I was in Chicago several weeks ago attending some public relations meetings regarding the polygraph field, you made a long distance call to my home telling June, when you found that I wasn't there, that you would call back. However, we have received no further telephone communications from you.

My best regards to you and the family.

Sincerely,



C. B. Hanscom
Director

CBH:mk
cc: Mr. Alex L. Gregory



July 29th 1965

Mr. C.B. Hanscom
Department of Police
University of Minnesota
2030 University Ave., S.E.
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

Dear Chick:

I thought you might enjoy the article
on the Imperial Hotel in Vienna which I found
very interesting.

Sorry I can't get out to the Chicago
meeting because I would like to see you again.
Marsh Houts and I tried to call you a couple of
weeks ago but could get no response. Drop me a
line and tell me how things are going.

All best,

LMS/vr

LeMoyne Snyder, M.D.

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May 12th 1966

Mr. C.B. Hanscom, Director
Department of Police
University of Minnesota
2030 University Avenue S.E.
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

Dear Chick:

It was awfully good to hear your voice the other night when you were down visiting Marsh and Mary. I am sorry you were not able to come by Paradise and stop over for a day or two.

Thanks a million for sending me the copy of your letter about the Tri-menology Cycle charts. I don't know enough about it to even have an opinion but when Marsh and Mary come up here the first of next month for a couple of days we will have a chance to discuss it more thoroughly.

Don't you think it is about time for us to take another trip to Europe? I never think of you without chuckling over something that happened on that wonderful trip five years ago. I hope you are planning to bring June to the meeting in Honolulu next February. That will be a great event and something you simply can't miss. Also it will give us an opportunity to get together here in Paradise for a little reunion.

All best,

LMS/vr

LeMoyne Snyder, M.D.

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DEPARTMENT OF POLICE
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4 May 1966

Marsh and Mary Houts
313 Emerald Bay
Laguna Beach, California

Dear Marsh and Mary:

First let me thank both of you for your outstanding hospitality during my recent visit to Los Angeles. I was very happy to meet your family. If at any time any of them get in your way, just send me a wire, and I'll send their transportation to come and live with June and I.

I am enclosing in a sealed envelope the April and May Tri-menology Cycle charts for each of you. I have placed them in a sealed envelope because of the skepticism of both of you regarding this technique, more particularly, that of Marsh's. I might suggest that you leave the charts sealed in their respective envelopes, keep track of your good and bad days and at the end of the month, you open the envelopes and see if it corresponds with your own evaluation of the period in the month when you had more energy, more creative ability, and more mental alertness. You can, if you desire, open the envelopes immediately and follow the charts.

The red curve represents the 23-day cycle of physical strength, endurance, energy, resistance, and confidence. The blue curve represents the 28-day cycle governing sensibility, nerves, intuition, cheerfulness, moodiness, and creative ability. The green curve is for the 33-day cycle which represents intelligence, memory, mental alertness, logic, reasoning power, reaction and ambition. The critical days in this menology system are when the red or the blue curve passes through the horizontal or o-line either on the way up or down curve. On such a day our substance or cells seem to be in a state of flex.

Even Hippocrates, the traditional physician's physician, advised his students and associates some 2,400 years ago to observe the good and bad days among the healthy and the ill, and to take these fluctuations into consideration in the treatment of patients. At the end of the nineteenth century, Dr. Hermann Swoboda, professor of psychology at the University of Vienna, was prompted by his research findings to wonder whether there might not



be some regularity or rhythm to these fundamental changes in man's disposition. Swoboda apparently was impressed by John Beard's report of 1897 on the span of gestation and the cycle of birth.

Swoboda, in his first report, presented at the University of Vienna at the turn of the century noted and I quote:

"One does not need to have lived a long span of life before one comes to realize that life is subject to consistent changes. This realization is not a reflection on the changes in our fate or the changes which take place during various stages of life. Even if someone could live a life completely devoid of outside influences, a life during which nothing whatever disturbs the mental or physical aspect, life would nevertheless not be the same day after day. The best of health does not prevent man from feeling unwell at times, or less cheerful than he is normally."

During his initial research between 1897 and 1902, Swoboda recorded the recurrence of pain and the swelling of tissues such as is experienced in insect bites. He discovered a periodicity in fevers, in the outbreak of an illness, and in heart attacks, a phenomenon Fliess had reported in a medical review, which led to the discovery of certain basic rhythms in man--one a 23-day cycle and the other a 28-day cycle.

A full menology span is the result of multiplying $23 \times 28 \times 33$ days, a total of 21,252 days. This span of days is the only other point in man's life besides the day of birth when all three rhythms start a new cycle again on the same day.

A Dr. Franz Halberg, a German pathologist, who is presently on the staff of the University of Minnesota has been engaged in rhythm research for many years and has written many articles regarding it. He is presently doing a research program for the federal government on "Physiological Rhythms in Space Explorations". His present research program is on Circadian rhythm, which applies to a physiological period of exactly 24-hours long and to periods that, individually or on the average, are slightly yet consistently shorter or longer than 24 hours by minutes or by a few hours. It is his contention that a spectrum of rhythms and near-rhythms characterizes many individual organisms, organ-systems, organs, tissues or cells. He further states that the biological spectrum covers a broad domain. It includes the fractions of seconds characteristic of neuronal activity or the seconds of cardiac or respiratory cycles.

I am not asking you to accept these disciplines. I can only suggest that they might prove a very important governing influence in our daily lives. I do know that in my many years in the field of law enforcement, that crimes of violence, in particular, are committed by the so-called non-criminal individual during certain periods of the individual's emotional-mental state. As you are undoubtedly aware, homicide, sex crimes and the interrogatory field have been my speciality for the past twenty years and my investigations have certainly revealed a correlation between certain emotional states and the crime committed.

4 May 1966

Tri-menology, as I have named it, may be the answer or part of the answer I just do not know, but certainly it has research value. A tri-menology chart will be made of all subjects submitting to our polygraph technique. The cycle charts will be made of the individual without the examiner seeing the results of the chart. They will then become a part of the subject's record and after a 12-month period, the cycle charts and the polygrams and their results will be compared to see if there is any correlation in those that we find innocent, guilty, and sign confessions.

During my visit to you in California, we talked very briefly about my use of abstract paintings during the interrogation of a suspect. I am sorry that we did not have enough time to go into this in detail, but I have found that the use of this type of painting is a very successful aid particularly when it pertains to a crime of violence. I hope at sometime in the near future to be able to discuss this more completely with you.

Sincere personal regards to both of you and your wonderful family.

Very truly yours,

C. B. Hanscom
Director

Enclosure

CBH:mg

bcc: Erle Stanley Gardner
Dr. Le Moyne Snyder ✓

July 12th 1966

Chick and June Hanscom
Alex and Clara Gregory
Marsh and Mary Houts

BULLETIN

I have received Chick's letter about the trip to Hawaii. Alex and Marsh have also indicated their intentions of going and Louise and I certainly intend to be there.

I will first answer Chick's questions in order. 1.- We are going to make this trip. 2.- With respect to taking our beautiful wives along, we would probably have a lot more fun if we left them home. However I know the rest of you guys can't even call your soul your own around your own house so I think it is expedient to take our wives along. 3.- With respect to hotels, Louise and I would both prefer to stay at the Moana-Surf Rider because they are right on the beach. The Moana of course is the old original luxury hotel and is joined to the Surf Rider which was built along about 1950. However it is all very nice and I am sure we would be very comfortable there. The Princess Kaiulani is more recent and directly across the street. It is a very nice place and will be the convention headquarters but Louise and I thought we would rather stay at the other place. 4.- We expect to stay on for at least a week and probably two after the convention. If you folks plan to take some of the tours following the meeting there is quite a selection from both the standpoint of time and price. We think that by far the nicest (and most expensive incidentally) is Tour B which covers about everything worth seeing in Hawaii. It lasts about a week and the rate would be \$293 each which seems to include about everything. Tour G is the same price but a couple of days shorter. It would be very nice if we could all take one of these tours together.

I presume that going over the Houts will leave from Los Angeles while the rest of us will leave from San Francisco. If that is the way it works out we are having open house here in Paradise for a few days prior to departure and want you all to be sure to stop over here for a while and then we can all leave

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together from Chico. No strain, no pain.

That is the way our plans are shaping up at the moment and I hope we can all have a lot of fun together. The tours they have arranged sound wonderful and are certainly very much cheaper than we could get as an ordinary tourist. According to Louise who is a native and a direct descendant of the original cannibals (missionary stew is still her favorite entree) Kauai is the most beautiful spot in Hawaii and the one thing to be seen above everything else. From my own experience I can say they are all beautiful and I think we will have a wonderful time.

All best,

LMS/vr

LeMoyne Snyder, M.D.

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August 19th 1966

Dear Chick:

Congratulations on your 80th birthday. It is a miracle that you should reach such a ripe old age as anyone who knows you would have thought that you would have been finished off by gunshot wounds years ago.

I received a very gentle hint from June that this was to have been a great occasion and I hasten to congratulate you. There was also a gentle reminder that a very expensive present would be in order and I have scoured the ten-cent store to find something suitable. I had in mind a new Rolls Royce with a built-in bidet but it is hard to get delivery on such a vehicle on short notice. If it doesn't arrive before the trip to Honolulu I will make it up to you when we get out there.

In the meantime, all best wishes to you and June and we look forward to a wonderful vacation next winter.

Sincerely,

LMS/vr

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MARK THIS IMPORTANT
DATE ON YOUR
CALENDAR AT ONCE!

Once in every calendar year comes an event of such prime importance as to make other happenings of the day pall by comparison.

This historic occasion, is, of course, the commemoration of the birth date of that great American, raconteur, bon vivant, and wit, Chick Hanscom.

Thus again on August 22 you have an opportunity to show your true feeling for this Hanscom character by sending some large token (a DC-3, a 60-foot Chris Craft, or other gifts of comparable nature) of your appreciation for this sterling personality.

As in the past, the Hanscom Gift Clearing Center is under the direct supervision of June Hanscom, who will be pleased to advise what loot has already been received so that you will not be embarrassed by sending duplicate gifts.

Make August the brightest month of your year. And, as you mortgage your home to send Hanscom the sort of birthday gift he so richly deserves, remember that only once in a lifetime does such an opportunity come to each generation.

BIRTHDAY GIFTS FOR HANSCOM COMMITTEE


Chairman

Phone June Hanscom
721-1592

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4735 Tolwell Drive
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January 11th 1967

Mr. C.B. Hanscom
Chief of Police
University of Minnesota
2030 University Avenue S.E.
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455

Dear Chick:

Many thanks for sending me the clipping about Charlie Wilson's difficulties. I certainly hope that he is able to weather the storm because I think he is only a year or two away from retirement. It is hard to imagine what the row is all about but alterations of this kind are nothing new in the career of Charlie.

Louise and I are looking forward to a lot of fun in Honolulu. We have signed up to take the Tour E after the convention and I hope that you and June will also be on it. I think that Alex and Clara are planning to take it also. We have had a couple of weeks of beautiful weather but today it looks as if we are getting set for a spell of rain.

All best to you and June and we look forward to the vacation next month.

Sincerely,

LMS/vr

LeMoyne Snyder, M.D.

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mpl. Tribune - Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1967

Wisconsin Crime Lab Director Questions Study

MADISON, Wis. — (UPI) — The validity of a sheriff's survey that blasted the State Crime Laboratory was questioned Monday by the laboratory's director, Charles M. Wilson.

Wilson, head of the lab here for 20 years, declined comment on charges by law enforcement officials in the state that Wilson should be removed as director and the whole operation overhauled. He said, however, the survey was not authorized by the Crime Lab Board.

The two sheriffs who conducted the poll "took it upon themselves," Wilson said. He said published reports of the survey indicated it was authorized by the board.

"This is untrue," Wilson said.

Ten state sheriffs asked for Wilson's ouster while others said they used the facility only when absolutely necessary.

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE
2030 UNIVERSITY AVENUE S.E. • MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55455

4 January 1967

Dr. LeMoyne Snyder
325 Valley View Drive
Paradise, California

Dear LeMoyne:

I am enclosing herewith an article that appeared in yesterday morning's Minneapolis Tribune regarding Charlie's difficulty with the sheriff's organization in Wisconsin. I certainly hope he is able to handle this situation and that we will see him in Honolulu. Sincere regards for a Happy and prosperous New Year to Louise, your family and yourself.

See you in Hawaii,

Rich

C. B. Hanscom
Chief of Police

CBH:mg

Enclosure



April 3, 1967

Mr. C.B. Hanscom
University of Minnesota
2030 University Avenue S.E.
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455

Dear Chick:

Louise and I certainly enjoyed our visit with you and June in Hawaii and I hope we can get together for another trip before long.

I don't see how I can make it to the meeting in Las Vegas the latter part of August. My time is completely occupied this summer on getting out a new edition of HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION, on top of which we expect a continuous string of house guests and other activities. Besides I haven't any idea what I would say which wouldn't make everybody mad---the main theme being that I don't think police departments should conduct polygraph tests or conduct any other laboratory procedures for that matter. A crime laboratory in my opinion should be an entirely separate organization that is under the influence of no-one and can conduct examinations for the defense or any other interested parties as well as the police. But if I said anything like that I would be as popular as a skunk in the henhouse.

Consequently I think I better pass it up. I hope this new organization will be able to preserve the usefulness of the polygraph technique but they have an awful fight on their hands from the unions and politicians.

All best,

LMS/vr

LeMoyne Snyder, M.D.

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27 March 1967

Dr. Le Moyne Snyder
P. O. Box 1125
Paradise, California

Dear Le Moyne:

Both June and I enjoyed very much seeing Lucille and yourself again during our recent trip to Honolulu. While I was unable to take full advantage of the "Snyder Tours", none the less, the time we were able to spend together was very important to me.

At a meeting held in Louisville, Kentucky last July all of the existing polygraph organizations were dissolved and amalgamated into the present organization, namely the American Polygraph Association. This had been in the planning stages for some years and I was very happy that we were able to accomplish it. It means now that we present a solid front in the advancement and control of our art and have developed tremendous plans for the future. Our first meeting and seminar will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada at the Stardust Hotel, August 20 thru August 24, and both I and the convention committee are extending an invitation to you to speak on a subject of your choice. I would consider this a very personal favor because we are striving so desperately to professionalize our field and much depends on the caliber of speakers at our first meeting. You, of course, have always been high on my list in this respect.

~~Sincere personal~~ regards to Lucille and yourself.

Yours very truly,



C. B. Hanscom
Treasurer

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cc: J. Kirk Barefoot
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June 23, 1967

Mr. C.B. Hanscom
Chief of Police
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2030 University Avenue, S.E.
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455

Dear Chick:

Many thanks for the copy of your letter to Erle and enclosed clippings.

Louise and I were very sorry to learn of June's illness and we hope she is recovering in good fashion. I couldn't get any of the details because with typical Hanscom efficiency you left out page 2 and sent two copies of page 3. At any rate I was able to understand that it had caused you great concern but that the worst seemed to be over.

We just got back a few days ago from a fine trip to Las Cruces, New Mexico. The party consisted of Erle, Jean and Sam, Marsh and Mary, Louise and myself and we drove all the way. New Mexico State University, which is located in that town (just 40 miles north of El Paso) put on a seminar on homicide investigation and each of us presented a lecture. It was a very pleasant journey and we had a chance to get into old Mexico briefly.

We expect to play to a full house starting next week as all the kids, grandchildren and assorted friends will be descending upon us but it is going to be fun if a little strenuous.

Louise and I send our love to you and June and hope her recovery is quick and complete.

All best,

LMS/vr

LeMoyne Snyder, M.D.

February 22, 1968

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Mr. C.B. Hanscom
Chief of Police
University of Minnesota
2030 University Avenue S.E.
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455

Dear Chick:

A million thanks for sending me the copy of your paper on impedance plethysmography which I read with great interest. I hope as you have more experience with this apparatus that you will issue additional reports, as I am very interested in it.

A day or so ago I had a nice visit with Alvin Majoska who was en route to the Chicago meeting. I decided to pass it up this year as I was tired of trying to get to Chicago this time of year and I have been urging for a long time that they dissolve this marriage to the Drake Hotel. I had a nice visit with Marsh Houts by telephone the day before he left. No doubt you have read his new book WHERE DEATH DELIGHTS which, understandably, has aroused a lot of resentment on the part of Gerber, Morits and Adelson, etc.

Louise and I are planning on driving back east in May to attend my class reunion at Harvard and visit the family in East Lansing and also John in Washington.

Just a year ago we were in Hawaii and that was a wonderful and pleasurable experience. But I noticed the next two convensions are to be back in the same old hole. I wrote Sam Gerber and told him that I was in favor of scattering these meetings around where a person could have some fun and entertainment as well as learning something in the scientific sessions.

All best to you and June and I hope we can get together before long.

Sincerely,

LMS/vr

LeMoyne Snyder, M.D.



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C. B. Hanscom
University of Minn.
2030 University Ave. S.E.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55455

Dear LeMoyne,

I certainly enjoyed talking with you, Louise, Marsh and Mary Houts when you were in Las Vegas, and it was very thoughtful of you to call me. The only thing that surprises me is that you did not call collect.

TREASURER

Leo J. Brown, Jr.
Brown Audit Co.
802 East 10th St.
Sioux Falls, S.D. 57103

On the date of 28 March you sent me a letter indicating that you were sending a copy of National Wildlife, which had an article regarding Cleve Backster's use of the GSR on plant life. The letter arrived, but not the article. What happened?

VICE PRESIDENTS

Chris Gugas
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Sincere personal regards,

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March 28th, 1969

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Mr. C.B. Hanscom
Chief of Police
University of Minnesota
2030 University Avenue S.E.
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455

Dear Chick:

I am sending you a copy of NATIONAL WILDLIFE which I think you will find interesting. It has an article by Backster in it on the use of the polygraph in a way that is rather extraordinary. After you have had a chance to read it I would like to have your reaction to it.

Had a nice visit with Marsh Houts and Charlie Wilson over at Las Vegas a couple of weeks ago where we were attending the National Medicolegal Symposium. After a miserable winter the weather has at last turned nice and has been beautiful for the last few days.

All best and let me know what you think of Backster's article.

Sincerely,

LeMoyne Snyder, M.D.

LMS/vr

January 9, 1970

Mr. C.B. Hanscom
4200 Minnehaha Avenue - Apt. #11
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455

Dear Chick:

Through Erle I heard that you are sort of on the bum with your gall bladder and other internal disorders. Fortunately these are conditions that are amenable to surgery and I am sure they can patch you up so you will be as good as new.

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Also I was sorry to hear that you are having a little trouble in the University. Having been born and raised on a college campus, I have had some experience with this type of situation. While I know none of the facts or generalities involved in your particular difficulty, in general I would say that it is not good policy to try to enlist outside pressure in these academic situations. It is a lousy shame but this type of thing happens continuously and I am sure that in view of the good contributions you have made not only to the University but to humanity in general that you have enough support within the institution to counter this move; code:per mpp

If you have surgery on the 24th of this month I doubt if you will feel like trying to attend the AAFS meeting in Chicago the last of February. I am sorry not to have you there at this particular meeting as Marsh and I are going to need your support. The President and a majority of the Executive Committee have amended the name of the organization by a new definition of forensic science which would convert the whole thing into a left wing debating society. Among other things, Osterburg is determined to get Kirk into the organization and establish a foundation to promote "social-behavioral matters". There is little doubt in my mind that unless a few of us really give them a rough time the Academy of Forensic Sciences is finished.

So my lad keep your chin up! If any of these characters get too obnoxious don't try to fight a duel with them but rather follow the advice of Mark Twain: "society is a collection of individuals". I thoroughly disapprove of duels, I consider them unwise and I know they are dangerous. Also a man should challenge me now I would go to that man and take him kindly and forgivingly by the hand and lead him to a quiet retired spot and kill him.

All best to you and June and we hope to get together with you folks this summer. Sincerely, LeMoynes Snyder

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pb so you will be as good as new.

congratulations that are wonderful to me and you I am sure they are very much appreciated. I hope you are all well and happy.

Dear Chuck:

Minneapolis, Minnesota 22422
4300 Minneapolis Avenue - Apt. #11
Mr. C.B. Hanscom

January 9, 1970

April 7, 1970

Mr. C.B. Hanscom
6315 Colony Way - Apt. #2B
Edina, Minnesota 55435

Dear Chick:

Our dear friend, Erle, is gone and an era has ended. While his death was not unexpected it still leaves a tragic sense of loss.

After the Academy meeting in Chicago, Louise and I went on east visiting our family in East Lansing, Washington, D.C. and finally in Florida. It was while we were in Palm Beach that Erle died and, as we had just arrived in Florida, we did not attempt to come back for the funeral. In fact the original plans were that there was to be no funeral.

I am enclosing a copy of a newspaper column written by Art Bernard. I don't know whether you had ever met him but he was a close friend of both Erle and us and was formerly Warden of the Nevada State Penitentiary at Carson City. I think this is a beautifully written tribute and I thought you would like to have a copy.

I hope that by this time your health has been fully restored and you are working as hard as ever. I don't know whether anyone has told you about the ~~terrible~~ situation in the Academy and the disgusting performance put on by several members of the executive committee---principally Schatz, Joling and Tuchler. I am sure you will hear more about it later.

All best and I hope we can get together soon.

LMS/vr

LeMoyne Snyder, M.D.

May 18th, 1970

Dear Chick:

Just a note to thank you for the marvelous job you did on Uncle Erle in the last Newsletter. It was beautifully done and a tribute that came directly from the heart.

I hope to be able to get down to the meeting in Los Angeles this summer. August is usually a busy time around here as there are generally a good many guests who come around at that time of year but at any rate I am going to try to make it. We hope that you and June will stop by here for a little visit when you come out.

All best and again many thanks for your article on Erle.

LMS/vr

October 15th, 1971

Mr. C.B. Hanscom
4200 Minnehaha Avenue - Apt. #11
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55406

Dear Chick:

I have just received your communication and the various enclosures. I am glad to hear that you and Bob Ferguson are going to produce this book IS JUSTICE ON TRIAL IN AMERICA TODAY? I read your article in a recent copy of POLICE on the same subject and thought it was excellent. Also Payne Thomas sent me a copy of THE SCIENTIFIC INFORMER by Mr. Ferguson which I have enjoyed immensely.

I am honored and made very happy by your request that I write the Foreword which I shall be very glad to do. You should be receiving it in the near future. Also I think your dedication to Erle is magnificent.

Louise and I enjoyed our visit with you and June in Atlanta and I hope that the two of you can get out this way before long. Does your sister still live in Sausalito? Hopefully I will find time today to read the introduction and preface. I think it is great that the two of you are doing this fine piece of work.

All best,

LeMoyne Snyder, M.D.

LMS/vr

P.S. Haven't heard a word from Marsh in several weeks.

LEMOYNE SNYDER, M. D.

325 VALLEY VIEW DRIVE
PARADISE, CALIFORNIA

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October 19th, 1971

Mr. C.B. Hanscom
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Minneapolis, Minnesota 55406

Dear Chick:

SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE!!

I wish to refer you to the October-November 1971 issue of NATIONAL WILDLIFE, which is a publication that carries a great deal of prestige in scientific circles. This issue has another article about Cleve Backster and his plants. On this occasion however they have expanded it to include eggs, shrimp and what not. He even uses his equipment to solve a murder case by these same methods when 'Ordinary interrogation procedures presented a problem, because of the large number of suspects. As there were a couple of plants in the office where the body had been found, I suggested that we attach polygraph electrodes to them, and ask each of the workers into an adjoining office, one at a time. If the plants did their thing, the whole business might be expedited. "The plants", he explained, "didn't spot the murderer, as the apparent solution to the crime did not involve a company employee."

One thing that does the polygraph an enormous amount of harm with his articles (you may recall Backster had a similar article in the February-March 1969 issue of this same magazine) is that he is not using a polygraph at all. From the photographs accompanying the article it is obvious he is using only the electrodermal response unit but all through the article it refers to the "polygraph". This article goes on to credit Backster with starting a revolution in the field of non-verbal communication.

Mr. C.B. Hanscom
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As far as I am concerned, Backster can do anything he wants to but he has no right to throw the whole polygraph field to ridicule by using the term polygraph in connection with these adventures.

All best,

LeMoyne Snyder, M.D.

LMS/vr

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All best,

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MR. C.B. HENSON

October 1941

Dane Sheriff Complains on Crime Lab

Madison, Wis.—AP—The Dane county sheriff has filed a written complaint against the state crime laboratory, accusing it of interfering in a local investigation.

The complaint, apparently linked to the search which led to the capture of an AWOL marine accused of kidnaping, brought into the open a long simmering feud between the laboratory and county sheriffs.

Dane County Sheriff Vernon G. Leslie and two of his aides charged in the complaint that Charles M. Wilson, the director of the laboratory, violated state law by his alleged interference.

The letter said, "He interfered in a case without first satisfying chapter 165.01 (B) of the state statutes. In effect, he did not obtain permission from anyone in Dane county prior to accepting evidence at the laboratory."

Leslie sent the letter to Jefferson County Sheriff Roger Reinel, who is one of two sheriffs serving as members of the state crime commission.

The state crime laboratory is a service available to local officials upon request.

A number of sheriffs throughout the state have complained informally in the past that the crime laboratory is too slow in analyzing evidence sent to it. Milwaukee officials voiced the same charge publicly last year.

The Dane county sheriff's office frequently has sent evidence to the federal bureau of investigation in Washington, D. C., for analysis instead of submitting it to the state laboratory in Madison.

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25 August 1966

Dr. LeMoyne Snyder
325 Valley View Drive - Drawer S
Paradise, California

Dear LeMoyne:

I'll be damned if I'll thank you for your letter under date of 19 August. Any time a man of your vintage and your creaking and squeaking body suggests that I am 80 years old, then it is time for that so-called friend of mine to visit a psychiatrist and I might say that I did not need any bidet. I am still using an old-fashioned laundry tub which is sitting out in back of our garage.

To be serious. I received a letter from the travel agency in Honolulu who advised me that the Houts' had reserved a room at the Princess Kaiulani. How come, are they too good to stay with you and I? Also I have not received any correspondence from Alex Gregory and so do not know if he is going with us or not.

I am enclosing an article taken from the August 12 issue of the Milwaukee Sentinel regarding Charlie Wilson. It is my understanding from several of my friends in the Wisconsin area that Charlie is in serious difficulty with the sheriff's organization in that state as well as with other police officials.

I am also enclosing a copy of a telegram that I received from Erle and a copy of a card that was sent to some 50 or 60 so-called friends of mind from an anonymous idiot who seems to get a lot of pleasure in disrupting one's weekend. Any way some 50 or 60 people showed up at our house for my birthday loaded with food and liquor and with gifts of toy airplanes and toy boats. In fact, I have enough of the last two items to start a dime store of my own. This is the last time that I will ever send out an announcement of my birthday.

Sincerely personal regards to you and yours,

Rich
C. B. Hanscom



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S. T. "SANDY" ALLEN
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August 5, 1966

Mr. C. B. Hansom
Chief of Police
University of Minnesota
2030 University Avenue S.E.
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455

Dear Chief Hansom:

Your \$50 deposit has been received and is acknowledged. We have rebooked you at the Moana-Surfrider Hotel. You mentioned bringing several of your relatives in your letter of July 22nd. When your plans are set please forward a \$25 deposit for each person and show their rooming preferences.

Doctor and Mrs. LeMoyne Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gregory, have not as yet submitted registration forms. However, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Houts have requested the Princess Kaiulani Hotel. We will wait for their request before changing them to the Moana-Surfrider Hotel.

Sincerely,

J. A. Perkins
Manager

JAP:dt

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August 30th 1966

Dear Chick:

Many thanks for your letter telling about your birthday party. It must have been a great event and I am sorry to have missed it.

I am sorry to hear about the jam that Charlie Wilson seems to be in. I hardly know what to make of it and hope that the thing dies down without any serious consequences.

From your letter I noticed that you had sent in a deposit on your hotel reservations in Honolulu. Nothing in the literature that I read said that such a deposit was required at this time and consequently I have sent nothing except the \$50 deposit to the travel agency. I don't know how Marsh and Mary happen to be signed up at the Princess Kaiulani but that is an easy matter to straighten out later.

Erle and Sam were up here this last week and we had a fine visit with them. He is as full of beans as ever and still going strong. It was the first time I had seen him for over a year. Please keep me in touch with developments at Madison because I want to be of any help to Charlie that is possible. All best to you and June.

Sincerely,

LMS/vr

COPY

October 28, 1971

Mr. C.B. Hanscom
4200 Minnehaha Avenue - Apt. #11
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55406

Dear Chick:

I hope that by this time the copy of NATIONAL WILDLIFE has reached you. The purpose of this note is to ask you to return it when you are finished with it but keep it as long as you need it. This belongs to my secretary, Virginia Rundle, who has a complete file of this magazine from the first issue and naturally wants to keep it in tact. Hope you are able to do something about this character, Backster.

All best,

LeMoyne Snyder, M.D.

LMS/vr

November 10th, 1971

Mr. C.B. Hanscom
4200 Minnehaha Avenue - Apt. #11
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55403

Dear Chick:

I don't understand why you haven't received the issue of NATIONAL WILDLIFE. It was addressed to your Minnehaha address in an unsealed Manila envelope stamped PRINTED MATTER and Virginia and I both remember putting on adequate postage. In addition, the address was typed on one of my mailing stickers which carries a return address. Also I don't understand how we ever sent out a letter without postage on it.

Virginia has sent for an additional copy so if this doesn't show up within the next few days let me know. Also have you tried finding a copy in a library?

Minnesota is playing Michigan State in East Lansing this Saturday. Condolences. All best and let me know if this magazine doesn't show up.

LeMoyne Snyder, M.D.

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On 28th October, and by the way you did'nt put a stamp on that letter and I had to pay postage due, you wrote and advised me that you had sent the Sep't./Oct. issue of NATIONAL WILDLIFE, the one that had the Backster article in it.

As of this date I have not received it, is it possible that you did'nt put stamps on that either. Will you check and let me know, because you see, you had requested That I return it to you and I can't do that if I don't have it, can I ?

Sincere regards to both of you.

Chick
Chick

DEDICATED TO TRUTH

November 5, 1971

Mr. C.B. Hanscom
4200 Minnehaha Avenue - Apt. #11
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55403

Dear Chick:

Enclosed are three copies of the
FOREWORD that I have written for your new book.
I hope you find it satisfactory. This book will
fill a need that has been awaited for many years
and I congratulate you two fellows for doing the
job. No-one could do it better.

All best,

LeMoyne Snyder, M.D.

LMS/vr

FOREWORD

Recently, while attending a seminar of criminal trial lawyers, I listened to speaker after speaker recount his adroit maneuvers to outfox and outsmart the opposing counsel. And during the course of these talks I listened in vain to hear three words which seemed to me to be quite relevant to the discussions in a meeting of this kind. These three words are guilt, *Italics* innocence and truth. On leaving the meeting the impression was very strong that these three subjects were outside the sphere of interest of the speakers.

The function of a jury is to find and establish the fact in an accusation. Once a jury returns to the courtroom with a finding, from that time on it's decision becomes a fact---even though that fact may be very wide of the truth. Any time truth and fact do not totally coincide, a miscarriage of justice results.

The authors of this book have devoted their entire professional experience to the establishment of truth. They have employed their long careers in scientific interrogation to bring fact and truth into being as one and the same. Many of their experiences are related here in a fascinating manner and will constitute a forward step to the enshrinement of truth in the administration of justice.

LeMoyne Snyder
Paradise, California

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Dear LeMayne: a short
Rashd written note to your other letter in
which you agreed to write the Foreword for
our book. Many, many thanks.

yes, my sister Mrs. Chester, Natalie,
Solberg still lives in Rausalito. Nothing I
would enjoy more than a visit with
you two wonderful people in beautiful
California. I really hate these winters
I enjoy your friendship so very much
and we see so little of each other and
remember we are getting older.

If the invitation still stands, we
may take you up on it & visit Rio at
the same time

Regards

This apt. living is for
the birds.

Rich

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12 October 1971

Mr. LeMoyne Snyder
Drawer S
Paradise, California 95969

Dear LeMoyne:

Bob Ferguson and myself are collaborating on a book which is titled, Is Justice On Trial In America Today? The book contains actual cases drawn from the police files at the University of Minnesota and other related cases from supported evidence. All of the cases in point relate to incidents where individuals have been wrongly accused and brought to trial and all of whom were protected from a miscarriage of justice by the polygraph.

Both Bob and myself have spent many months of research on this book in protecting the efficacy of the polygraph technique.

I think that it is particularly timely because of the recent Congressional attack on the polygraph.

We are dedicating this book in memory of Uncle Erle and the dedication reads as follows:

This book is respectfully dedicated to the memory of a great champion of justice, Erle Stanley Gardner, who never forgot that freedom is not a right automatically bestowed, something not easily attained, and difficult to keep.

This book is written in narrative form to make it appealing to the general public and is not written for the scientific field. While it does go into some depth regarding the polygraph technique, this is accomplished only for purposes of acquainting the public with facts.

Mr. LeMoyne Snyder
12 October 1971

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The manuscript is now being corrected and the typing should be completed within the next ninety days and because of your stature in the medical-legal field, because of your dedication to the true administration of justice and because of your association with the polygraph art, I am requesting that you write the foreword for the book.

Enclosed is a rough draft of the preface and introduction. I am also enclosing herewith for your information a copy of a letter written by me to Mr. Dave Moore, News Editor of WCCO Television, after a ill advised editorial by their Editorial Commentator, Al Austin.

Sincere best regards to Louise and yourself.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Hick", is enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval.

C.B. Hanscom

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December 3rd, 1971

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Mr. C.B. Hanscom
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Minneapolis, Minnesota 55406

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Dear Chick:

The time is very short.

The enclosed clipping speaks for itself. I know nothing about this case except what is contained in this news item.

Chick, there is no use in us trying to fight people like Sam Ervin as long as things like this keep happening. The old business of polygraphy is going to be deadlier than a mackerel in five years unless something drastic is done NOW.

This situation has bothered me for a long time. I have reluctantly come to the conclusion that the only way to stop it is to control the sale and distribution of polygraph instruments. Of course the manufacturers are eager to sell these devices to anyone with the money and the result is going to be that the polygraph is outlawed for every purpose everywhere.

I recently was involved in a situation in which a seventeen year old boy was accused of murdering a school teacher. The murder had occurred late in the afternoon and he reported discovering the body in a school room where he was employed doing janitor work. He was immediately accused of killing the teacher. He had no dinner that night. He was interrogated until late in the evening. He couldn't sleep. He had no breakfast but was given a tablet of a sedative (if I recall correctly it was valium). He was then subjected to about an hour of an accusatory type of interrogation by a police officer who was the local polygraph examiner but he also handled cases for many miles in all directions. During this interrogation which was recorded, the boy was repeatedly accused of being discovered in some type of sex act by the school teacher. He was then given a polygraph test by the same officer.

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Mr. C.B. Hanscom

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Long before his trial the information was leaked around town that he had flunked his polygraph test. He was convicted of first degree murder in a trial before a judge with no jury. I was able to examine his polygraph charts and Chick I have never seen anything like it. Rather than a conventional polygraph chart they looked like a two year old had been set loose with a ball point pen on a long strip of paper. They were totally undiagnosable. It was obvious to me that the officer entrusted with this valuable but dangerous instrument had no qualifications whatever that should allow him to conduct such an examination. We are fighting a losing battle and the only thing that can save the situation is to take drastic but necessary steps. We would be horrified at the thought of allowing anyone to buy an electrocardiograph and start diagnosing heart disease but that is exactly what we are doing with the polygraph. It is to the best interest of the polygraph manufacturers as well as the examiners that this be done because when the polygraph becomes totally outlawed there will be no sale for instruments. We have taken proper steps to assure that only qualified persons are admitted to membership in the various polygraph organizations but that doesn't have anything to do with the free-lance characters like the one I mentioned who are ruining the whole technique for everyone. Some way or other the sale of these instruments must be greatly restricted so that they are in the hands of qualified persons. The A.C.I.U., the unions and the politicians are all on our necks and we have to let the public know and be assured that when any individual agrees to subject himself to a polygraph examination, a competent and ethical examiner will conduct it.

The enclosed speaks for itself. I know nothing.
The time is very short.

Dear Chick:

All best,

Minneapolis, Minnesota 55408
4300 Minneapolis Avenue - Apt. #11
Mr. C.B. Hanscom

LeMoyne Snyder, M.D.

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December 3rd, 1971

Questions Asked On Lie Detector Test Challenged

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—

Questions asked a police cadet were "insulting and degrading," the American Civil Liberties Union said Wednesday in filing a federal suit on behalf a cadet who was fired for refusing to answer them.

"Have you ever stolen female underwear off a clothesline?" was one question asked William S. Hepburn in a lie detector test, the ACLU said.

Hepburn said he worked in the San Francisco Police Department two months before being abruptly ordered to take the polygraph exam. Other questions were:

"Have you ever had sexual relations with animals?"

"Have you ever participated in a rape?"

"Have you had homosexual relations?"

"The Police Department had no right to ask Hepburn such insulting and degrading questions about his personal life which have no bearing on his capability as a policeman," the ACLU said in filing the suit in U.S. District Court.

A Police Department letter said the reason Hepburn was ordered to take the test was that he failed to mention an automobile accident on his employment application and that he once told the draft board he could not shoot people, the ACLU said.

November 19, 1971

Mr. C.B. Hanscom
4200 Minnehaha Avenue - Apt. #11
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55406

Dear Chick:

Thanks for sending me the materials for your new book. I have read it over and think it is excellent.

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I have always noticed that when I start to read a book and find long passages of Preface, Foreword and Introduction that it usually bores me to try to read it and consequently I am likely to skip it. The Preface is always written by the author and is usually a short introductory description of the general scope of the book and what enlightenment it is intended to convey. In my opinion it should never be over two pages in length.

I think you are doing something good here and all you have to do is so you, it is good. The Foreword should be a brief explanation that simply introduces the author to the reading public and in a very general way outlines his qualifications. It should be very short.

and time consuming job. You then send that back to me and next day you get it back. Now we come to the Introduction. You have a lot of fine material in your introduction but I don't think it should be an Introduction at all. Instead I would make it the first chapter of the book. I think if you do that it will give the whole work a much more attractive appeal to the casual reader. In other words he can pick up the book and in two or three minutes time cover the Preface and Foreword and be getting to the meat of the thing.

I have gone over the Preface and made a few suggestions and indicated where I would eliminate some of the paragraphs simply for the purpose of making it shorter and I think it makes it more attractive.

November 19, 1971
Mr. C.B. Hanscom

Mr. C.B. Hanscom

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I think you've got a great thing going here and I
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advertising goes simply to the profession and they publish very
few books for the general public. Don't get in a rush about this
thing for it will take a lot longer to get it into print than you
realize. After you submit your manuscript it takes weeks before
you get galley proof and the revision of that is a very meticulous
and time consuming job. You then send that back in and next get
page proof and again have to go over it and read it. Follow up
page proof you have to prepare an index and that is no simple task.
So don't be discouraged if it takes a lot longer than you think but
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Dear Chuck:

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Mr. C.B. Hanscom

November 18, 1971

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Minneapolis, Minnesota
10 November, 1971

Dr. LeMoyne Snyder
Drawer S
Paradise, California 95969

Dear LeMoyne: Your copy of the, NATIONAL WILDLIFE, and your FOREWORD to our book both arrived this morning. I'll take good care of the magazine and see that it is returned to you after the Board of Directors meeting in January.

Your FOREWORD is a master-piece and I am real pleased with it. I feel that this book will be well accepted by the reading public as most of it is done in narrative form with a lot of dialogue. Most of the cases contained in the book are those taken from our police files and ones that I personally investigated and conducted polygraph examinations. The other cases are taken from police files of friends of mine and have been authenticated. In some of my cases in the book I use the actual names of the subjects involved, of course, with their written permission. It is not intended for the scientific field, but for the general public. With the right Publisher and with good publicity this could become a very good seller.

I was thinking of Uncle Erl's Publisher, Wm. Morrow and Company. What do you think? However, I am not satisfied with my PREFACE and INTRODUCTION. It is much too long. I have worked it over many times, my ideas are there. However it has to be condensed and I just can-not accomplish it. I guess I have been at it too long and the proper verbage will not come out. I feel that Justice is only an abstract in thought and meaning. However, it looks like I am over my head. Uncle Erle always wanted me to write and insisted that I was good at it, guess I've let him down. On scientific papers, where I was doing research I was in my ball park.

So, I am here-with enclosing the PREFACE and INTRODUCTION, with a request that you ghast write it for me. Or is that too much to ask. Please do-not pay any attention to the typing, I am having it redone by a former secretary of mine. I'm the worlds worst typist and then this damn portable can't even spell right. Could'nt be that the GREAT HANSCOM is hitting the wrong keys,

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Lemoyne Snyder
10 Nov., 1971

I ~~hate~~ to im-pose on you LeMoyne, but who else am I going to turn to, one that has the experience and one that knows my deep convictions regarding Criminal Justice and one that knows of my long service in the field of law enforcement. I felt very un-comfortable about asking you, knowing that you might be very busy and I thought of Marsh Houts, but I don't think that he truly understands my philosophy. Man has conquered Space, the land, the seas and yet, paradoxically, he lives in a medieval world unable to control himself. In the fullness of his great powers, he is unable to sepearate right from wrong, Justice from In-justice. Our courts accept handwriting as an admitted science and yet I as a handwriting expert, knows that this is not true. Our Courts accept Psychiatry and look how wrong they have been. An individual has an ECG and the results are negative and he dies the following day from a heart attack and yet our courts will not accept the poly-graph. Yes, Justice is truly blind. Most criminal cases are tried under emotion packed conditions. It is a sickly show of dramatic acting between Defense Attorneys and Prosecuting Attorney's. And man calls it JUSTICE.

I have the silly idea that this book could go to press this Spring and be in the hands of the public before the hearings in Washington. That it could help save polygraphy. May be I'm an idealist, but I still beleive that the polygraph is an answer, I have proven it, time and time again and I'll keep on fighting.

If you can't find the time or don't want to do it, then don't worry about it, just tell me so.

If every thing goes well for ^{June 4-2, we} ~~me June and I~~ expect to visit my sister in Sausalito some time in Febr. May be we can get together.

Our very best to you and Louise. (This damn typewriter)

Hidden June

File Hanson

December 1, 1971
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Mr. Robert J. Ferguson, Jr.
Mr. Robert J. Ferguson, Jr. Inc.
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3136 West 6th Street 76107
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Dear Mr. Ferguson:
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I have read the enclosed copy and I think you are getting off to a fine start. If you can follow through on the program you have outlined I think you and Chick will make a wonderful contribution to the cause of justice in the United States.

The titles of the chapters are very intriguing. One thing that I hope you can stress throughout the context of your book is the built-in sources for error that are inherent in the adversary system. Chief among these is the element of personal pride. Too often a murder trial is a personal contest between the prosecutor and defense counsel involving their individual prestige and the guilt or innocence of the accused is of minor concern.

Another thing that has annoyed me for many years is the fact that when a conviction is appealed and the case taken over by the attorney general, he invariably will adopt all of the skulduggery and perjury employed by the original prosecutor, and assuming that such derelictions were involved. I have yet to find an exception to this statement. In the case of Imbler, who twice was within a few days of the gas chamber and who I eventually got released, the attorney general fought that through every court including the Supreme Court of the United States. In that case the deceit and fraud practiced by the police and prosecutor is simply beyond belief.

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November 23, 1971

Dr. LeMoyne Synder, M.D.,
Drawer S,
Paradise, California.

Dear Dr. Snyder:

My sincere thanks for the Foreword to our new book, IS JUSTICE ON TRIAL IN AMERICA, co-authored by C. B. Hanscom and myself.

As you probably have guessed, after glancing at the writing style in my last book, THE SCIENTIFIC INFORMER, I'm the guy who does all the compiling, arranging and writing. C. B., with his expertise, finds the flaws and loopholes. So together, we make a good team.

Following your last letter with comments about the first draft introduction, I have done some rewrite, and will now add a new chapter. Thanks for helping me get off the wrong track.

I am enclosing some brief rewrite of the Preface and Introduction. Your kind comments will be appreciated. Please address them to me at:

Texas Industrial Security, Inc.,
3136 West 6th St.,
Fort Worth, Texas 76107.

While I am leaving Foresight to go to Texas to help another polygraph company get started and on its feet, the relationship between C. B. Hanscom and myself will not change.

Respectfully yours,

Robert J. Ferguson, Jr.
Robert J. Ferguson, Jr.

C. B. HANSCOM

BRUCE M. GOLDSTEIN

PERSONNEL SECURITY
POLYGRAPH EVALUATION

December 17, 1971

Mr. C.B. Hanscom
4200 Minnehaha Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55403

Dear Chick:

It was nice talking with you and June on the phone. Enclosed is a draft of a letter that I think would be appropriate for sending to the Morrow Company. If you think that there is any possibility that Ferguson might also submit it to Thomas I would send a similar letter to Thomas. Personally I don't think there is any chance whatever that Ferguson will complete this book. Also enclosed is a copy of a letter that I have sent to Ferguson so I think you have nothing further to worry about.

All best,

LeMoyne Snyder, M.D.

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December 17th, 1971

Mr.....(name).....
William Morrow Company, Inc.
105 Madison Avenue
New Yor, N.Y. 10016

Dear Mr.:.....

Since I received your letter that the William Morrow Company would be interested in reviewing the manuscript of IS JUSTICE ON TRIAL IN AMERICA? I have been confronted with a very embarrassing situation. My employee, Robert J. Ferguson, Jr., was associated with me in the preparation of the manuscript. A good start had been made on the writing of this work when circumstances arose which I feel make it very unwise for me to continue any association with Mr. Ferguson. In addition, with no notice to me, he has moved to Texas and taken with him all my materials and manuscripts and he has indicated that he intends to finish the book by himself.

One of the difficulties I encountered with Mr. Ferguson was that he was including materials and using names in such a way that I believe could conceivably make me liable for a suit for damages.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that I am renouncing any responsibility for anything in a manuscript submitted by Mr. Ferguson and that I intend to go ahead and complete the book myself and submit it under the original title. My long association and mutual trust with both Erle Stanley and Jean Bethell Gardner compel me to do this as it was at Erle's initial prompting that encouraged me to undertake this task. I regret that the action I have indicated has become necessary.

With all good wishes for the Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

December 17, 1971

Mr. Robert J. Ferguson, Jr.
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3136 West 6th Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76107

Dear Mr. Ferguson:

I have been informed by Chick Hanscom that you are no longer associated with him in the production of IS JUSTICE ON TRIAL IN AMERICA? Under the circumstances I believe it to be unwise to take part in any manuscript which you may offer for publication. Therefore I am withdrawing any permission to use the Foreword which I had originally sent.

Sincerely yours,

LeMoyne Snyder, M.D

LMS/vr

Minneapolis, Minn
13th December 1971

Dear Le Moyne: I must apologize to you in writing this letter in long hand. Since my retirement I am unable to enjoy the luxury of a Secretary. I also hope that you will experience no difficulty in deciphering my handwriting.

I have written so very few unpleasant and complicated letters in the past and that is why I find it so difficult in writing this one to you. However, I have exhausted all means of arbitration. Consequently, I am now seeking your assistance and advice.

Four years ago J. Kirk Barefoot, who was then President of the A.P.A., wrote to Uncle Erle and requested him to speak at luncheon at the A.P.A. Convention in Houston, Texas. Erle had declined the invitation because of failing health. Kirk knew that Erle and I were very close friends and so Kirk asked me to intervene. I called Erle and he agreed. That grand old man would never say no to me. Jean & Pam came to Houston with Erle, and that was the last time I ever saw him alive. We had a grand time together. However, he had to spend most of his time in his suite. We all had a great time together and
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June & I spent all of our spare time with the three of them.

For several years Erle had been encouraging me to write a book. I had told him about the Jim Duffey case and had in fact, sent him most of my material. While in Houston Erle again insisted that I write a book and suggested the title, "Is justice on trial in America". I told him that I was just too busy to write. It was then that he told me to take some time off & come to his ranch where they all could help me.

At about this time Robert Ferguson came into the picture. I had met him at one of the meetings. He would call me long distance about twice each month. He knew of my long friendship with Erle and he wanted me to ask Erle to write a foreword for a book that Thomas was going to publish. He said he had written to Erle and had not received a reply. I, of course, refused because Erle did not know him and I just could not take advantage of Erle.

A year ago, at the Los Angeles A.P.A. Convention, Ferguson contacted me and said he understood I was going into business

And he would like to work for me to gain some experience in the Criminal field.

I was advised by several outstanding members of the A.P.A. not to employ him, that while he was a good private Examiner, he was also an alcoholic and had been fired from several jobs because of his drinking. Well, you know how incredulous naive I am. I had nothing but pity and sympathy for him. Thinking I could help him, I employed him. Always trying to help the underdog. (What a damn fool, I was)

Ferguson came to work for us about a year ago. There were incidents after incidents. I tried talking to him & then gave him hell & then forewarned him that the next time I would fire him.

He became interested in my book and wanted to help. I thought this might be my chance to help him out & he in turn could help me. He can take short hand and is a very good typist, and had full knowledge of manuscript work. I agreed to allow him to be a Co-Author if he would do the research & typing and get the manuscript in order. I was so sure that he might be able to overcome his problem with this new interest

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I told Ferguson that I was dedicating the book to Uncle Erle. Ferguson then suggested that we should have a well known person to write the fore word. I told him that Dr Le Moyne Snyder and I had been close personal friends for years and that I would ask you to write it. Ferguson was elated. you wrote it for me or us. I also wrote to Jean and requested that she write to Erle's publishers, to see if they would publish the book. Jean wrote to President Hughes of the Morrow Publishing Co. in New York. I received a wonderful letter from Hughes, who told me to send the manuscript to his personal attention. I used my friends to unlock doors & they did.

By accident I found that Ferguson had changed most of my prototype, was using the true names of the F. B. I. Agents and the true names of the subjects. I, of course, raised hell.

Two weeks ago this Friday night, Ferguson left town taking every thing with him. He did not resign, he was not fired, he just pulled out at night. He drove his old car to Texas and is working there now.

He is working for a private firm,
Texas Industrial Security, Inc. 3136
West 6th Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76101.

He has the original manuscript,
the original Foreword that you wrote,
the original letter from Jean to me and
the original letter the President of the
Morrow Co. wrote to me.

I've been in contact with him
& he states he wrote most of the book &
he is going to publish it.

He had to return to town (minneapolis)
last Thursday and was here untill Saturday.
I've been in bed with a badly swollen
foot & leg from a fall. I did talk to him
via telephone and he promised to come out
to see me. He didn't. He left town & then
called me from Fort Worth. When I reminded
him that he had promised to come & see me,
he lied & said he had not promised and didn't
have time any way.

you undoubtedly heard while you were
in Atlanta that he was to speak at the Seminar.
I had arranged that. I left for Atlanta on
Friday. Saturday night Ferguson got drunk
and ran out doors with a loaded shotgun,
said the kids were raising hell in the
neighborhood.

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HE fired the Shotgun over their
heads & was arrested for aggravated
assault with a weapon. a felony in
this state. Bruce, my partner, got an attorney
and they went down to jail but Ferguson
was too drunk to talk too. Because I'm
so well known at Police Hdy. They were
told that he could be R.P.R'd to me after
he was sober. Bruce then flew to Atlanta
arriving Sunday afternoon and told me. I
then called friend on the police dept. &
got him out of jail. Our Company attorney
had several visits with the complaining witness.
He agreed to withdraw the complaint if Ferguson
would move from the neighborhood & join A.A.
We located a house for him & he moved. He
attended just two A.A. meetings.

I sincerely hope Le Moyné that
you can understand my problem. If
I write to the Morrow Company and tell
them not to publish the book, they will
also drop me. They would have nothing
to do with any manuscript under dispute.
and yet he must be stoped from publishing
the book by either Morrow or Thomas.

I just can't have Jean find out.
She has always been wonderful to me. So,
you my friend, are the only one I can

tell this story too. Jim Duffey
has already written to him & told him
never to use his name in the book.
In fact I have written permission from
Duffey to use his story as I first wrote
it.

Just a suggestion; wouldn't a
letter from you to Ferguson, telling
him that you are withdrawing the foreword
and that you want it back and that under
the circumstances he would be very
wise to return the complete manuscript
to me for adjustments & forwarding to
Morrow Publishers. Also that you & I
are both on the Board of Police Magazine,
published by Charles Thomas Co & that
it would be most unwise for him to go
ahead.

I just don't know Le Moyne. I
do know I need your help. He has told
so damn many lies, that I think he believes
most of them.

Do what you can & tell me
what to do.

Regards to both of you
Chick

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P.S.

Just to indicate how easy it is for him to lie. In his last book, "The Scientific Informer", published by Charles C Thomas. He lists himself as a Charter member of the A.P.A. & Officer-Consultant to the American Academy of Registered Criminologists, Minneapolis, Minn. None of it true. My membership Certificates to the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and International Academy of Criminology are framed & hanging on the wall in our downtown office. Unless they too are gone now.

Shick.

January 18th, 1972

Mr. C.B. Hanscom
4200 Minnehaha Avenue - Apt. 11
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55406

Dear Chick:

I don't know anything about your removal from the Editorial Board of the Police Journal. However I have some doubts that Ferguson had anything to do with it although he may have.

I get the impression that the Thomas Company is revising all of their editorial boards because a month or so ago I got a letter from Bob Schineer with respect to the board on the American Lecture Series which I happen to belong to. Schineer explained that they were trying to update these groups, some of which had not been changed for many years. I suggested to him that three persons on the board, including myself, should be replaced by younger men who are fully active and to whom the prestige of belong to the board would mean much more than it now does to the three I mentioned. I don't know whether the same feeling applies to the Police Journal or not as I have heard nothing about it.

Chick my inclination would be to do nothing more about it. You have been a great asset to the Police Journal and in turn it has helped you and the same applies to all of us. I want to commend you on the last polygraph Newsletter. It was a splendid issue. Give my very best to June and all good things to yourself.

Sincerely,

LeMoyne Snyder, M.D.

LMS/vr

Dear LeMoyne: I am sure that the copy of the enclosed letter that I received from Payne is the results of a contact made to him from Bob ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Ferguson. I have worked hard for the Police Journal and I am sure that because of my help, it has met with some success. I of course, would like to remain on the Board. I do think that there is some prestige attached to it. But I of course would not beg. While it would cause me some embarrassment with many of my friends to be removed, I can still live with it. I just hate to have a rat like Ferguson get by with it. Charles Thomas and I were such great friends. Do you think that a letter from you to Payne would help. I'll never be a senior citizen and am still damn active and just won't be put out to pasture. Regards to all and I'm going to have another fight at the A.P.A. Board meeting in Chicago next Friday, wish me luck.

Shick

From the desk of

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6 January 1972

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735 North Atlantic Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304

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Regardless, Payne, if you want my name removed from the Board, that is then your decision. I would be very interested as to the rationalism of your letter.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C.B. Hanscom", is enclosed within a hand-drawn blue oval.

C.B. Hanscom

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Jerome W. Staiger, Health Physicist
University of Minnesota
University Health Service
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455

Dear Mr. Staiger:

We wanted to thank you and Professor Wollan once again for your contribution to the journal literature with your very fine article appearing in the December issue.

We received the galley proof and your corrections were entered as indicated, and thank you for returning the proof so promptly.

You should be receiving your complimentary copies shortly and we certainly hope that you will be pleased with the appearance of your presentation.

With regard to reprints, we regret that we discontinued the practice of supplying these some years ago. However, we would be more than glad to have you make your own arrangements for these and would only ask that each reprint carry the name of the journal together with the volume, number, and date of the issue.

Engraver's proof is not submitted with galley proof, but we assure you that the illustrations have been entered in the final printing. We are returning these original illustrations to you with this letter and want to thank you again for allowing us to use them.

We have enjoyed working with you and Professor Wollan in the presentation of your fine article and are hopeful that we may look forward to keeping in good touch with you.

With appreciation and best wishes,

Sincerely,

CHARLES C THOMAS, PUBLISHER

(Mrs.) Renee Bebbington
POLICE Editorial Department

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Dept. of Protection & Investigation
424 Administration Building
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414

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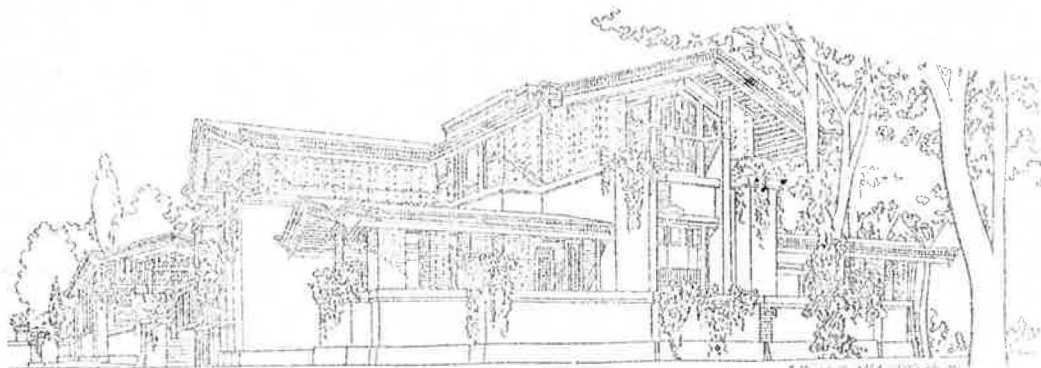
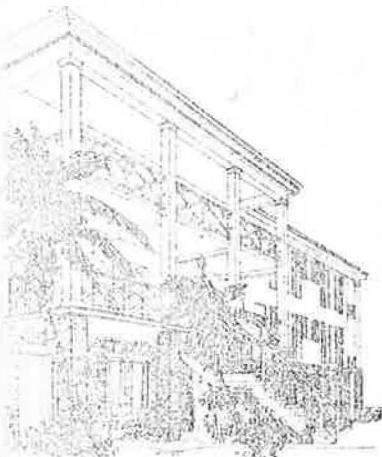
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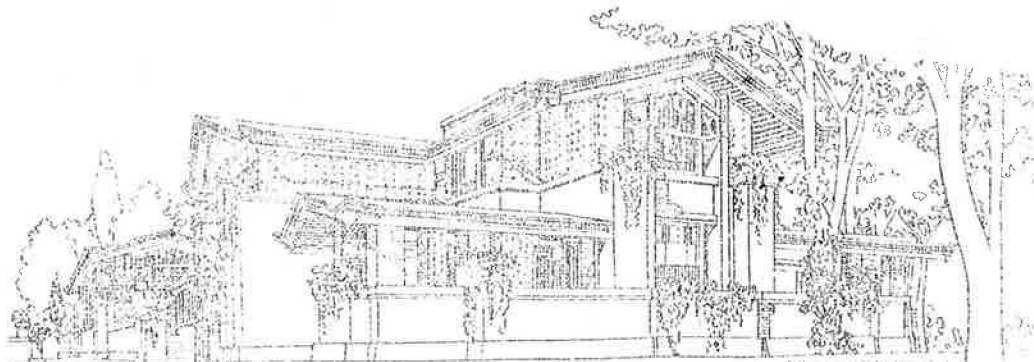
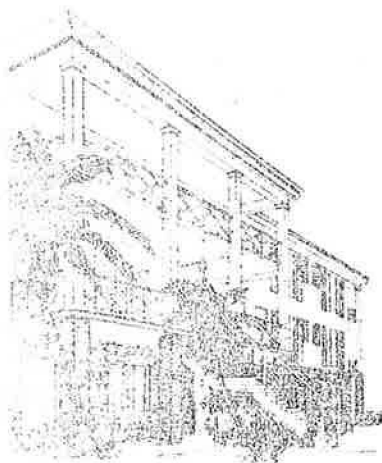
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Mister C. B. Hanscom
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Dear Mister Hanscom:

For a number of years you have been kind enough to serve on the Editorial Board of Police.

We don't feel that anyone should be asked to maintain the responsibilities indefinitely and I would like to write to express our appreciation and thanks for all that you have done for us for the journal.

You may have others whom you would care to suggest as possible applicants for the Board. We would be glad to have your recommendations, you may be certain.

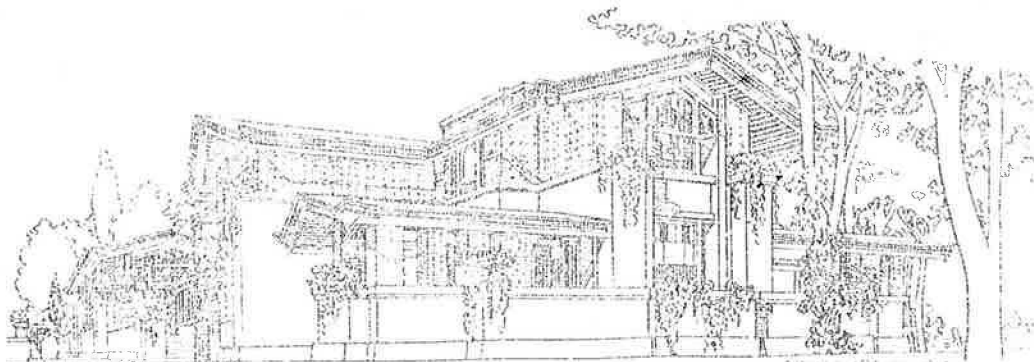
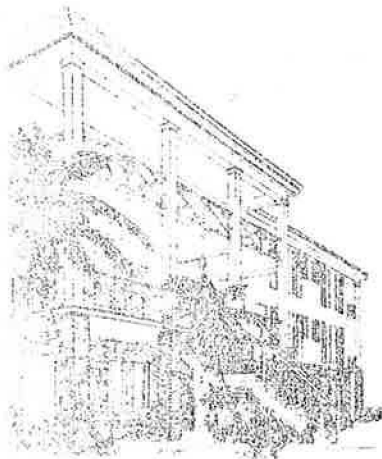
We're looking ahead on the planning for the journal and we are hopeful that it will maintain and improve its status in the field.

With our very best wishes and with kind regards.

Sincerely,

PAYNE THOMAS

PT/jb



Briton testifies city woman could have strangled self

By Finlay Lewis
Staff Writer

The jury that convicted Minneapolis chiropractor John Mitchell of murdering his wife in 1966 was presented with misleading and misinterpreted evidence by both the prosecution and the defense, a British legal-medical expert said Friday.

Mitchell did not throttle his wife on Christmas night 1966 at their home at 5601 Woodlawn Blvd., Dr. Bernard Knight of the University of Wales said.

She died of self-strangulation, just as the defense had contended at the 1967 trial, said Knight, a medical doctor, a lecturer in legal medicine and a barrister-at-law.

The defense attorneys—F. Lee Bailey of Boston, Mass., and Ronald Meshbesh of Minneapolis—and the prosecution both incorrectly assumed that she died of asphyxia, Knight told the Minnesota Pardons Board.

Instead, her death can most plausibly be attributed to a heart stoppage caused by the sudden application of pressure to the large carotid arteries in her neck, Knight said.

Medical and legal authorities in Great Britain are more familiar with stran-

gulation than their counterparts in the United States where "homicide is primarily caused by gunshot wounds," Knight said in an interview after the hearing.

British gun control laws are quite stringent, meaning "someone who wants to commit murder has to find some other way," Knight said.

Knight said he bases his conclusions in the Mitchell case on testimony in the trial transcript and on a study of the medical evidence which was sent to him in Wales by Mitchell's present attorney, James F. Finley of St. Paul.

He said he ruled out murder because "in almost every case where you get an assailant attacking someone, you find that the damage to the neck is really substantial. This wasn't the case here."

Most laymen in America — and some doctors — think that death by strangulation is caused by asphyxia, which is cutting off the oxygen supply by closing off the windpipe, Knight said.

An equally common "mechanism of death" is heart failure triggered by pressure on the carotid ar-

teries, he explained.

"This can be self induced, relatively easily," he said. The process need not be accompanied by substantial injuries to the neck, he added.

Missing were the usual signs of asphyxia, namely, "a florid pattern of the skin, and hemorrhaging of the lungs," he said.

He also said that the way in which the body of Mitchell's wife was handled invalidated much of autopsy.

Evidence intended to show neck damage could just as easily have been caused by mishandling of the body after death, he contended.

Had Mitchell been tried in Britain, the judge "would have stopped the case" because of the doubtful and inconsistent nature of the prosecution evidence, said Knight, who said he has performed over 10,000 autopsies.

Finley said he intends to present more witnesses at another hearing Friday in his attempt to win a commuted sentence for Mitchell, who has served three years of a sentence of up to 15 years in Stillwater State Prison.



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Dear LaMoyné: I am enclosing with this letter an article from yesterday's Minneapolis, Tribune. I am sure that you will recall me calling you about this case some two years ago and asked you at that time if self-strangulation was possible. At the time you told me that it was absolutely impossible. John Moe, ~~an~~ ^{our} medical examiner, agreed with you. I am sure that you remember Johnny. I introduced you to him at the The American Academy of Forensic Science meeting in Honolulu. When I called you about this case, Ron Meshbesher and F. Lee Bailey were the defense attorneys. They have long since pulled out of the case. The polygraph examinations that we ran on Mitchell was not satisfactory. Not enough to call him guilty or innocent. However, in my pre-examination and post-interview, I was convinced of his guilt.

Several months ago, his new attorney wanted me to give him another polygraph test. I refused, and recommended that he be given a test by John Reid. Reid came out with the same results that I did. Reid also feels that Mitchell is guilty. Who en hell is this Dr. Bernard Knight and what are his credentials? I have never heard of him. You told me that there was no case in recorded medical history of self-strangulation.

You are right, as usual, so I am just forgetting all about Thomas and Police magazine.

Did you get your copy of National Wildlife back? I sent it last week, sorry to have kept it so long. The A.P.A. is withholding action due to the National anti-polygraph bills.

After a long talk with Chris Gugas, I have decided to go ahead with the book. The field needs it and all material is being sent to me to rewrite.

Sincere regards to you and your wonderful wife from June and myself.

Chick

DEDICATED TO TRUTH

By the way, who is this Charles A. Entile of Paradise, that we approved for Intern membership in the A.P.A. on 14 Jan, at Chicago.

Hick. you can sure tell what a wonderful typist I am.



AMERICAN POLYGRAPH ASSOCIATION

Minneapolis, Minnesota
4 February, 1972

Dear Marsh: This morning I received the Minutes of the 1971 Annual Business Meeting of The American Academy of Forensic Sciences. I just can't under-stand why they are in such a hurry to publish the minutes, after all the meeting was held on 21 February, 1971 and today is only 4 Febr., 1972. Damn near a full year. As Secretary of the A.P.A. I am severely criticized if I don't publish the minutes within sixty days. And we have over a thousand member's.

I note that your proxies were acceptable and also that the nomination from the floor of Douglas Lucas by LeMoyné, proved to be successful. If I know you two fellows, and I do, you will be taking over that organization lock, stock and barrel. And it will be a better Academy because of it. What I can't understand is why en hell you boys didn't come out of it with an office. I also note that the motion seconded by Houts, that the offices not be filled during the coming year was carried. Nice going Pal, keep that outfit on its feet and we will have a worth while organization some day. Lets get Snyder in as President. We ~~tried~~ it in Atlanta and took a beating.

I am very interested in the Proposed Amendment #2, on a retirement status. Does that mean that the retired member would continue to retain his full voting membership with-out having to pay dues? I do not know how long I have been a member, its a long time and these new dues of \$40.00 is just a little to high for my retirement pension.

Lets have a letter from you two, or I'll call you long distance collect. June joins me in sending our love to your chauvinistic woman-suffragists and a friendly hello to both of you .

ChickenJune

Hick

DEDICATED TO TRUTH

February 23, 1972

Mr. C.B. Hanscom
4200 Minnehaha Avenue - Apt. 11
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55406

Dear Chick:

It was nice to receive your letter of February 20th. I am very sorry that they didn't take some action against Backster because it puts the organization into the position of condoning all this nonsense. There was another big article in today's San Francisco paper about the same thing and the thing that makes me so mad is that all of this business has little or nothing to do with the polygraph as the principal parts of it are not involved.

I just got the material from Jim Weston about the Foundation for the Academy of Forensic Sciences. This whole thing is simply an outrage and if it goes through it will totally disrupt the Academy. I am filling out the ballot and sending it back to Jim Weston and voting against every part of it.

I am not going to the Atlanta meeting---one of the principal reasons being that just four weeks ago today I had a supra-pubic prostatectomy. I have been out of the hospital a little over two weeks and while I am getting along in good shape I will not undertake this trip. I hope that you and June can get out this way this next summer as we would love to have a visit with you.

All best,

LeMoyne Snyder, M.D.

LMS/vr

Le Moyné; all the local
T.V. Stations, radio & newspapers
have heard about it, and want
to do a big story on it &
want us to appear on live
T.V. & answer questions.

I told them, nothing doing,
unless the publisher put an
O.K. on it. I would not
give them the publisher's name
or city where they are
located. What do you
think?

Chick.

From the desk of

C. B. HANSCOM, ~~Director~~

~~DEPARTMENT OF POLICE~~

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Minneapolis, Minnesota

21 September 1972

Dear LeMoyne: Well here is the book, completed with a possible last page change. It has been a costly, long, but most interesting venture. James Duffey, co-author, is a very brilliant and talented artist. He is doing the cover for the book in oil. On the top he has a Police badge and hat, in the center a coin, which reads the other side of the coin. Then he has the stature of justice, with the un-balanced scale in her left hand, the blind-fold over her eyes, and holding a polygram with her right hand that is covering the bottom part of her draped garment. On the lower of the cover Duffey has painted a burglar working on a safe, small mask over his eyes and old cap on his head. It is really very skillful and shows a great deal of ingenuity, and resourcefulness. The Morrow Company can take a picture of it and have it reduced for cover size.

President Lawrence Hughes of the Morrow & Company Publishers, wants me to send the manuscript directly to his attention, I however, wanted your introduction before sending it to him. So take your time reading it, but damn it hurry.

I am really thrilled with the book and its possibilities for a tremendous sale potential. We have researched the market, and nothing like this has ever been done before. I use Duffeys true name, that of his wife and children. We have made an open book of a true experience that he went through.

I am not quite satisfied with the last page, we say, and I quote, " We beleive, as we come to the end of this book, that it would be unwise to call it the end. ", end of quote. I would like to use a paradox, such as, In this country where Justice is purported to be equal, for poor man, rich man, Any race, creed, color or National orgin, and regardless of the crime under trial, True Justice does prevail. This, however, is not factual. Courts are only human individuals, there is no True Adminstration of Justice. Some thing on that order LeMoyne. You are a good author and prehaps you will have a better idea, or can change my wording around so that it reads better.

June and I send our love to Louise and yourself. .

Chick
Chick

September 25th, 1972

Mr. C.B. Hanscom
4290 Minnehaha Avenue - Apt. #11
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55406

Dear Chick:

As usual you have gotten me thoroughly confused about your book. You told me over the telephone that you had a new name for it but I have forgotten what it is. I wrote a Foreword for the book but the materials you sent me a year ago or so were returned. As I recall it there were only one or two chapters that were sent and a list of the titles of the other chapters.

Now you are talking about "the Paradox for the closing of the book" and I don't know just what you have in mind. Do you have the rest of the chapters written? I would be very interested in seeing this material if you have an extra copy, which I will return promptly. I want to help you in every way I can and as soon as I know a little better just what you desire I will get going on it.

Are you going to the AAFS meeting in Las Vegas next March? I have become so disgusted with a lot of the stuff going on that I don't know whether I will go or not. For two cents I would quit the thing entirely. All best to you and June and we wish you would get out this way.

LeMoyne Snyder, M.D.

LMS/vr

October 2nd, 1972

Mr. C.B. Hanscom
4200 Minnehaha Avenue - Apt. #11
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55406

Dear Chick:

This little item recalls fond memories of our stay in Paris and in particular the sad case of the bottle of Scotch you bought as a present for Marshall, Mary and me.

I think we ought to try it again sometime.

All best,

LeMoyne Snyder, M.D.

LMS/vr
encl.

P.S. I am working on your manuscript. Don't worry.

October 9th, 1972

Dear Chick:

I am awfully sorry to hear about your bum arm and hope that you will be getting some relief very shortly. It must be awfully tough without the use of it.

I am still completely confused about what you want me to write for your book. In your last letter you were talking about my writing your INTRODUCTION. You already have a good INTRODUCTION that you wrote. I have already written a FOREWORD and before you talked about writing something by way of a final paragraph in which you wanted me to use a quotation that you sent. I want to help you all I can Chick but I am really confused as to just what you have in mind that you want me to do.

All best and I hope you feel better soon.

LMS/vr

P.S. On looking over your manuscript again it seems to me that you have more than enough by way of introduction---a Title Page, a Preface, an Introduction, a Foreword and a Prologue let alone several pages of Acknowledgments. I think that any more along that line will tire people out before they get to the first chapter.

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Minneapolis, Minnesota

5 October 1972

Dear LeMoyne: Thanks for the article regarding the drug store fire in Paris. The same article appeared in the Minneapolis paper, and yes, I remember it well, just a few blocks from our hotel on the Champs Elysees, next to the Arc-de-triomphe. I well remember that damn step down from the liquor section to the main part of the store. I can't remember what the first bottle cost, or the second one. I do know that you all enjoyed it. I would give a pritty penny to go back there again. We sure had a great time, particularly when I was flying the plane.

I have one hell of a time trying to type a letter, with my left arm immobilized, and typing with the one finger of the right hand.

June took me over to the Department of Anesthesiology at the University Hospital this morning. I have had three cervical facet blocks with xylocaine in seven weeks. This one was really tough, they covered a much larger area, however, it does-not give me any pain relief in the arm or hand. Their diagnosis today was as follows, and I quote, "At present he is without the use of his left arm because of peripheral neuropathy resulting from his severe post-traumatic cervical arthritis", end of quote. Why don't you damn Doctors learn to talk in English, and tell a person what you are saying? Dr. A.B. Baker of the Department of Neurology predicates that it will hit the right side before too long. Nice prognosis, for a YOUNG FELLER.

I am looking forward to your introduction on my manuscript. And thanks for being so kind to do this favor for me. Our regards to Louise and yourself from the three of us.

Sincerely

Chick
Chick

*Sorry for all of
the mistakes!*

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At our lake cottage in Wisconsin
22 September 1972

Dear Le Moynz: Have had to sell
our lake place. Will write you more
about it later

Regarding the paradox for the
closing of the Book? Could this line work
in, "Like a hand erasing all of the
equations, and writing new ones."

Regards.

Chick.

P.S. Cold as hell up here tonight,
Electric blankets for sure.

November 2nd, 1972

Dear Chick:

I am glad to hear that your book is on the way to the publisher and I hope that Morrow is smart enough to publish it because I think it is a very good book. However, Chick you have to bear in mind one thing. Remember that the publisher doesn't give a cuss about the administration of justice or anything else. He will look at your manuscript from only one angle and that is concerned with how many copies will be sold and how much money he can make off it. So don't be discouraged if he doesn't go for it because I am sure you can get some good publisher who will.

One of the big difficulties is to get the publisher to promote and advertise a book. That involves sending out a considerable number of free copies to magazines and book reviews and very often a good book gets no publicity whatever. Marsh Houts' new book KING'S X is a fine book and got a wonderful review in the Journal of the American Bar Association but I have seen no announcements or ads for it in any of the extensive book reviews such as appear in Sunday papers and magazines like TIME. Consequently I think the sale of the book will fall far short of its potential.

I am glad you changed the Foreword to conform better to your co-author because I had overlooked that fact. Also I think your new ending is excellent and I like it.

I hope your arm feels better and you are able to get some use out of it. We are having beautiful fall weather here although I noticed they had a snow storm in Denver yesterday.

All best and good luck.

LMS/vr

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Minneapolis, Minnesota

30 October 1972

Dear LeMoyne: Well I mailed the manuscript to the William Morrow & Company, Inc., Publishers last Saturday. So all that I can do now is to cross my fingers in the hopes that they will publish it.

You will recall that you and I had several telephone conversations regarding the closing paragraph of the manuscript. I did not like it, and wanted to ^{be sure} ~~sure~~ ^{re have a} paradox to close with. I am enclosing herein the old, or former ending that you read, and the new one that I sent with the manuscript to President Hughes of the Morrow Company.

Also, I changed your Foreword ever so slightly, I changed it to read that the co-author had given most of his professional life in the search for the true administration of justice. You see Duffey has only worked in the field of rehabilitation for about five years, and also he is the principal character in the book. Hope you agree.

Will you also let me know what you think about the last paragraph. I depend so very much on your advice. After all, most of my writings have been technical. I have written a few short stories that have been in print in local, and some out of state publications. Most of my writings have been human interest stories, and yes, and don't laugh, poetry. I love to write, but I have just been too darn busy with my hands in so many varied activities. Maybe, the good Lord willing, I'll just sit and write. But I do value your judgement so very much, so drop me a few lines and take picks on me. I'll be a better writer because of your doing this.

Are love to Louise, and yourself,

Chick.

Chick

I always have been a poor typist, and now with my left arm & hand unusable, it makes it much more difficult, but I'll be damned if I'll be a cripple. Just more practice, Chick

determined by an electroencephograph as a foundation for whatever decision that he might make in any particular case.

Paradoxically, the electroencephalograph, the polygraph, or any other scientific instrument that would indicate physiological responses are widely accepted and utilized by the medical profession, enormous benefits are derived from them, and yet these same instruments that could benefit the legal profession also, are likened to voodoo, witchcraft, and torture instruments. Unfortunately, not enough people have kept pace with this changing world, excepting the stalwarts like Judge Lord.

In this, the greatest of centuries, we have seen fantastic improvements in every area of human endeavor, we have even put a man, or men on the moon. We believe that this is only the beginning, and that man will continue to achieve. While it may be true that Justice is in it's Winter state, we believe that history will prevent us from continuing to propagate our mistakes. As the noted philosopher Albert Camus has said, " The harshest winter finds an invincible summer in us ". We hold that this is true of Justice also, and it's wise administration will prevail. As a nation, we have never been programmed for failure.

Thus, the end of this book is in itself a paradox, for it is only the beginning.

This is now the last
paragraph.

This was retyped correctly before
been sent with the manuscript.

determined by an electroencephalograph as a foundation for whatever decision he might make in any particular case.

~~Obviously, the polygraph and the electroencephalograph, or any other instrument that would indicate physiological responses would be of much benefit to the legal profession, nto to mention the enormous benefits that have been derived from the medical profession. It is possible that the future may hold many Buck Rogers ^{types} of inventions which will allow justice and the legal profession to prevail.~~

~~We have seen, in the 20th century, fantastic improvements in every area of human endeavor. It is highly unlikely that man's progress will come to a halt.~~

~~We believe, as we come to the end of this book, that it would be unwise to call it the end. Man has come a long way from his early beginnings and painting pictures of animals on the walls of his cave. Surely this is only the beginning.~~

Old ending. all crossed out
lines were removed, retyped a
new page

March 1st, 1973

Mr. C.B. Hanscom
4200 Minnehaha Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55406

Dear Chick:

I have just received your letter about your book and the person for you to write to is Mr. Payne Thomas who is the President of Charles C (no period) Thomas, Publisher, 301-327 E. Lawrence, Springfield, Illinois 62703. He is the son of the Charles Thomas you once knew who died several years ago. You are perfectly at liberty to use the Foreword that I wrote for the book.

I would suggest that the best way to approach the Thomas people is for you to write a letter to Payne stating that they have published a few short pieces that you have written, that you knew Charles Thomas and that I had written a Foreword for the manuscript. Also approximately the number of words, recite the titles of the chapters and give Payne a general idea of the thrust and purpose of the book. Likewise include a short resume of your background in police work and also that of your co-author. Payne will then have an idea of whether he is interested in proceeding any further and if he is he will ask you to send the manuscript.

There is one thing to bear in mind however and that is that Thomas publishes only scientific books dealing with either medicine or law enforcement. As the market is very limited for this type of book and the cost of production is high the royalties they pay are very small as compared to popular works of fiction or

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they say are very small as compared to popular works of fiction or for this type of book and the cost of production is high the royalties either medicine or law enforcement. As the writer is very limited books that have a wider appeal. In fact if I recall correctly, they pay no royalty at all on the first several thousand copies sold and I think it would be safe to say that the great majority of the authors in the field of criminal justice never receive anything by way of royalties.

Louise and I have just returned from the meeting in Las Vegas and Alex and Clara Gregory drove back with us and spent a few days. I think we have won the battle of the Academy and I look forward to a peaceful and productive future for that organization. I hope your arm is better and give our very best to June and keep some for yourself.

Thomas people is for you to write a letter to Rayne stating that I would suggest that the best way to approach the

Sincerely,

wrote for the book.

ado. You are perfectly at liberty to use the foreword that I son of the Charles Thomas you once knew who died several years ago. E. Lawrence, Springfield, Illinois 62203. He is the

the President of Charles C (no period) Thomas, Publisher, and the person for you to write to is Mr. Rayne Thomas who is

I have just received your letter about your book

Dear Chuck:

Minneapolis, Minnesota 55408
4300 Minneapolis Avenue
Mr. C.B. Hanscom

March 1st, 1973

March 1st, 1973

Mr. Payne Thomas
Charles C Thomas, Publisher
301-327 E. Lawrence
Springfield, Illinois 62703

Dear Payne:

My long time friend, C.B. Hanscom (Chick) retired a year or so ago as the head of security for the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis. He has had a long and distinguished career in police work and was also a friend of Charles and Uncle Erle.

He has prepared a manuscript, MEN IN THE SHADOWS with another person as co-author and I have written a Foreword for this book.

I have suggested to Chick that he write you and give a short explanation of his background and the thrust of the book with the thought that you might be interested in publishing it. Whether or not you are interested in this project I am sure that you will find Chick a person who is well worth knowing. I have traveled all over Europe and America with him and he is a great person and a delightful companion.

All best,

LeMoyne Snyder, M.D.

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Minneapolis, Minnesota

27 February 1973

Dear LeMoyne: I should have taken your **advise** in the first place, and had the Charles C. Thomas Publishing Company publish our book, "Men in the Shadows", I just cannot find a publisher that will take a chance on it, and while I think that they are nut's I can't make any of them understand it.

With your kind permission we would like to use the same Forward that you wrote when we were so sure that Morrow was going to publish the book. Also, to who should I send the manuscript at the Thomas Publishing Company. I do not know if Charles C. Thomas is still living. I'll never forget the fun that we had with him, and the gang, so many year's ago when we were attending a meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences in the old Drake Hotel in Chicago. I would want to put it into the right hand's so as to be sure they would publish it. He has published some of my short investigation's when he printed the Academy Lectures Edited by V.A. Leonard, and has also printed some of my work in Police Magazine.

I do so hate to ask you for any more favor's. However, would you write to the right person at Thomas, and suggest that I have a manuscript that two of us have written, and would like to have them publish^{ed}? It's too bad to use friend's to get into the back door. But hell man what are friend's for? You, and I have been such close friend's for year's, and one of Thomas best seller's for year's has been your book on Homicide Investigation. Remember our visit to the Police Laboratory in Paris. That was the only book we saw.

Did you attend the Academy meeting in Las Vegas? I can just see you, and Marsh giving them the devil if you were both there. They gave me my Life membership some time ago. Let me hear from you as soon as possible. Give our sincere regards to Louise.

Sincerely,

Chick

Chick

Hell, Le Moyne, I don't want to get in the back door of Thomas, front door is okeh

May 30th, 1973

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Dear Chick:

I haven't heard from you for a long time and I have been a little worried as to how you are getting along. In the last NEWSLETTER of the Polygraph Association it stated you had quit your job as Secretary on account of ill health and naturally I am very sorry to hear that. Drop me a note and let me have the dope. We missed you at the AAFS meeting in Las Vegas.

Louise and I are leaving early tomorrow to go to Boston to attend the 50th Reunion of my class from Harvard Medical School. This will be the last roundup and it hardly seems possible that so many years have gone by so quickly. I hear from Marsh occasionally but haven't seen him since the meeting in Las Vegas. Otherwise everything going along in good shape here.

From Boston we are going down to Washington D.C. to spend a day or two with John and then home by way of East Lansing where we will stop off for a few days to visit my brother and his wife and Susie and her family. Expect to get back about the middle of June. All best to you and June and I hope that your health situation isn't serious.

All best,

LMS/vr

June 15th, 1973

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Dear Chick:

I was awfully glad to get your letter but very sorry to hear you are still suffering so much pain and discomfort. I think if you could get to California with the warm, dry, friendly air it would fix you right up.

Louise and I got back just yesterday from our trip east where I attended my 50th Reunion from Harvard Medical School. About one-third of our class is still living and most of them attended this Reunion, which will be the last one. We then spent several days in Washington, D.C. with John and then a week at our old home in East Lansing.

We missed you at the meeting in Las Vegas. Louise and I had a nice visit with Marsh and Mary but I have only heard from Marsh once or twice since that time.

I noticed in the paper that the judge really poured it on to Lillehaug for income tax evasion. He must have something wrong with his head.

We are looking forward to a nice visit with Susie and her boys and wish that you and June could get out this way soon. All best and I hope you feel better before long.

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Minneapolis, Minnesota
4 June 1973

Dear LeMoyne: I enjoyed so very much receiving your letter. In fact the other night I was going to telephone you, (reversed charge's of course), and chat with you. It is so damn difficult trying to type with the right finger of the right hand, and it's a well known fact that my hand writing is not legible.

Yes I quit as Secretary of the APA. It was mostly for poor health. However, I am awful disgusted with the damn organization. My left arm went all too hell as the result's of the accident that occurred while on duty with the Air Force during World War II. I have to wear it in a harness with a sling devise, and am in constant pain with it. Every six week's they give me deep infiltration injection's of xylocaine in the 4th, and 5th cervical's, and in the shoulder, and neck muscle's. I am in sugery each time for about 45 minute's, and then they wheel me into the recovery room where I have to remain in an recumbent position for about two hour's. This does not relieve the pain in the left arm, and hand. I have to take the following medications: Equanil 400 mg., four time's a day; Fiornal, 2 capsules every two hour's; Librium, 25 mg. three times a day, and at night time; Valium, 5mg. at bedtime. They are going too try acupuncture next time. They don't hold out any high hope's for it but hell I'm willing to try anything. They said that if it did work it would be better than putting the drug xylocaine into my system.

I had too sell our cottage when the arm went to hell, and so we bought a Town House out here in Brooklyn Center. You can address us using just Minneapolis, Minn. just as long as you use the zip number 55429. We like it just fine. They do all the yard work, in fact all of the outside work is taken care of.

I am very happy that Louise, and yourself are having such a nice trip, and will be seeing so many old friend's but why en hell you couldnt have set your itinerary to see your old Pal Chick on your way back from East Lansing. June join's me in sending our most sincere regard's to Louise and yourself.

Regards,

Chick

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Our telephone number is unpublished
due to legal action I am taking with that

damn our fir I started. So don't loose it or give it out to
any one but my friends.

June 10th, 1974

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The Grate Hanscom
6043 Thomas Avenue, South
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55410

Dear Chick:

It was awfully good to hear from you and in view of the fact you didn't mention your bum arm I am assuming that either it has fallen off or you have recovered. The last I heard you were either getting acupuncture or chiropractic treatments or were taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. At any rate something seems to have worked.

At this time I haven't any idea whether we can get to Seattle in August or not but I am sure it would be fun if we could get together. I haven't heard anything from Marsh for a long time but I am assuming he is still alive.

You are certainly to be congratulated on being honored with a life membership. I know the enormous amount of work you have contributed to this organization and its predecessor for many, many years. Certainly above all others you deserve this wonderful honor and Louise and I congratulate you on it.

All best and we look forward to seeing you and June in the near future.

LeMoyne Snyder, M.D.

LMS/vr

cc to Marsh Houts

THE GREAT HANSCOM

6043 Thomas Avenue, South
Minneapolis, Minn. 55410
5 June 1974

Mr. Marshall W. Houts, et. al.

Dr. LeMoyne Snyder, et. al.

Gentlemen: The American Polygraph Association holds it's annual Seminar in Seattle, Washington from 18 August thru the 23rd. The Hotel Washington Plaza is the Headquarters for all of the meetings.

The Great Hanscom will be honored with the first Life membership ever presented by the Association. My good wife has agreed to my attending this Seminar with the very firm stipulation that she accompanies me. She is still very much concerned with my conquests of the female gender.

Our visit to Seattle would be complete if you two dogs would make the trip with your beautiful and vivacious wives. It would give me a chance to reminisce about our past associations, to recall past experiences, events, etc. It's what I do best now.

June joins me in sending all of you our love and best wishes.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rickenzanz", enclosed within a large, loopy oval flourish.

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June 1, 1974

Dear LeMoyne:

Received your letter regarding the postcard of the old house on campus. I gave the postcard to Fred Stabley and he is going to make some copies and return the original to me. He has been on vacation in Australia for several weeks and will be back in his office on June 6th. I will call him and get the picture to you as soon as possible. Please rest assured, the picture is in good hands with Mr. Stabley.

Luella and I visited the Mt. Hope Cemetery on Memorial Day and placed flowers on the graves of Robert, Plummer and Lois. We miss them all very much.

I hope you and Mrs. Snyder are well, and that you are not getting too many requests to play in celebrity golf tournaments wearing your Bing Crosby jacket. Please don't forget to send me the picture of yourself to hang in the office.

Best Regards,


Larry

Hanscom

July 9th, 1975

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Sincerely,

Dear Chicken June:

keep in touch more often

association in Louise and I were glad to get your letter and I am hastening to reply to it as I always do. I have often thought that we live entirely too far apart and it is awkward to try to get together except on very special occasions.

We would like to attend the meeting in Traverse City on August 3rd but I am afraid it is impossible this year. We no longer have any family ties in Michigan since the deaths of both of my brothers and sister-in-law and the old family friends in East Lansing are becoming few and far between. After all it was 19 years ago that we left Michigan. On top of it all we have a continuous string of house guests here during that time of year which makes it awkward to get away. It would be wonderful to see you both as well as Alex and Clara but I am afraid we can't work it out at that particular time.

length of time

After the United States Supreme Court reconvenes the first week in October we are going to Washington for the oral arguments on the Imbler case before the full court. This case is going to make legal history as it is going to decide once and for all to what extent a prosecutor is immune to a civil suit for knowingly using perjured testimony to send an innocent man to the gas chamber. In fact several other important cases are being delayed across the country pending the outcome of this case. You may recall that Paul Imbler was sentenced for murder in Los Angeles and less than a week before his scheduled death I was able to get a stay of execution and for a period of nearly 14 years now we have battled this case resulting in a federal grant of habeas corpus and released from custody. What is at stake now is a 2.7 million dollar civil rights suit against the Los Angeles prosecutor and 7 members of the Los Angeles Police Department. This case has been a thriller and a cliff hanger as Imbler was only a few days from execution on two different occasions Michigan State Police celebrating

I am very much interested that the American people

This is also going to be an event for me as I am going to be admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States, which is a distinct honor.

best

July 9th 1975

Mr. C.B. Hanscom

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Mr. C.B. Hanscom
July 9th, 1975
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this is also doing to be an event for me as I am doing to be

I am very much interested that the American Polygraph Association is doing something about the Michigan State Police celebrating 40 years of polygraph use. I was appointed Medicolegal Director of the Michigan State Police in 1930 and in 1933 I first became personally acquainted with Narde and Calvin Goddard and the other members of the Northwestern Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory. The following year in 1934 I persuaded the department to purchase a polygraph which was the first one sold outside the City of Chicago and it was the first laboratory in the United States connected with a police department to engage in that activity. Being pioneers in this type of activity we made some mistakes but also made history. At first we took the polygraph all over the state running cases but soon found that was a mistake and set up a permanent interrogation department in East Lansing which was modern in every respect. Harold Mulbar was a corporal in the organization to whom I took a great liking and arranged for him to spend several weeks with Keeler and he became our first permanent examiner. He was always a great friend of mine.

and Charles but I am afraid we can't work it out at that particular time.

Later I published a report on the experience of the State Police in the interrogation of 155 subjects between 1935 and 1942. The title of this article was CRIMINAL INTERROGATION WITH THE LIE DETECTOR; EIGHT YEARS' EXPERIENCE BY THE MICHIGAN STATE POLICE. It was published in the ANNALS OF INTERNAL MEDICINE in April, 1943 and provoked a great deal of interest. I am delighted to see the department get some recognition for the pioneer work in what was then a new field.

All best to you both. We hope you are in good health again. A week ago I spoke at the luncheon of a meeting of the California Polygraph Association in Sacramento. The speech appeared to go over very well. Let us keep in touch more often.

Dear Chicken Love:

Sincerely,

LMS/vr

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2 July 1975

Dear LeMoyne & Louise:

It would seem to me that all of our correspondence is one sided. I write a letter to you, and weeks later at your leisure, you answer it. The last time that I wrote to you was regarding the American Polygraph Association Seminar being held in Seattle. You did not show up at Seattle and you did not answer my letter.

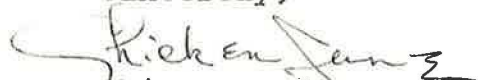
And now I am initiating another letter in attempting to re-open an avenue for continuing our friendship by correspondence. Our stay on this Planet Earth is just to darn short for good friends to loose contact with each other.

Once again I am appealing to your good judgement and I am requesting that you both meet June and myself in Traverse City, Michigan on August 3rd. The Seminar dates are August 3rd through August 8th. Alex and Clare will be there and so will Olie Stevens. We could discuss all of the old World's ills and with-out a doubt with our brilliant minds could settle most of them. Another thing of great interest to you LeMoyne is that the Michigan State Police Polygraph Section are celebrating their fortieth anniversary of utilizing the polygraph instrument. You of course remember Harold Mulbar, he died under very mysterious circumstances in a fire in Japan. The APA is presenting the Polygraph Section with a suitable plaque. I am Chairman of the Awards Committee. They are also presenting me with a gold life membership card. The first and only one ever issued.

Try and be there Pal. We have to reminisce, what en- hell is left for us to do. Last year at Seattle a very beautiful and vivacious young lady tried to entice me to her room, and foolish me I ran up to June and put my head on her shoulder and cried. June just patted me on the head and said, "Don't worry about it honey, I'll tell you all about it later. You see even my memory is gone.

Please try and be with us and we can also talk about the Snyder tours. PLEASE WRITE.

Sincerely,


ChickenJune

August 11th, 1976

Dear Chick:

We were delighted to receive your nice letter today but were sorry to hear about all of your troubles. As far as your health is concerned it would seem that now you are looking forward to some real improvement but I am sorry to hear about the sad news of your sister and other members of your family.

I am getting this letter in the mail right away so you will get it before you leave for Sausalito next Sunday. Our daughter, Maile, and her husband live in San Rafael so we drive down there quite frequently. The main point is that Louise and I want you and June to get up here to Paradise for a few days. If you will let us know when you are ready to leave San Rafael we will arrange to drive down there and bring you up here. It is about a three hour drive but we can come any time to suit your convenience.

We have so much to talk about and are so anxious to have a nice visit with you. If you don't have a chance to write why don't you call me when you get to the motel in San Rafael. Our number is:

Area 916 877-5579

and we will arrange to see you and bring you up.

All best to you both and we look forward to a nice visit.

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6 August 1976

Dear LeMoynes:

Your letter arrived to-day and what a pleasant surprise. And while I am a dubious E.S.P. believer, never-the-less June and I have been talking about you and Louise for the past few weeks. We were reminiscing about some of the good old days and the Snyder name came up so many times in our conversation. I well recall the wonderful times that we had when we were together. Our wonderful trip to Vienna, (Wein), which was made so much more enjoyable and fascinating because of your keen knowledge of the Countries in which we traveled. (The Snyder Tour).

This has been a very difficult year for June and myself. I was back in the hospital for more surgery. Shortly after that incident and because the second through the fifth cervical vertebrae had deteriorated so badly that the pinching of the outer cord of the brachial plexus, I think they called it the Musculocutaneous nerve, I had absolutely no lateral movement in my neck and the left arm was practically use-less and in constant pain. I was unable to drive a car and according to June I was a beast to live with. However, I told the damn Doctors to go to hell, that I was all thought with their damn experimental surgery. I have been a guinea pig ever since my neck was broken while serving with the Air Corps in 1943. Walter Reed Hospital, La Guardia, and the Air Corps hospital in Chicago, The Gardner General. I have been in casts from my waist to my neck, in neck braces and I had to sleep in traction for over 24 years. Well I at last found a neuro-surgeon from the Mayo Clinic, a Dr. Erickson. Well, I was hospitalized for a series of tests and dear Lord, they ran the gamut of tests that the medical science has ever devised to torture man, even that one where they put you on this table face down and shove a needle in your spine, draw out some spinal fluid and then put some dye in you and then the table turns side-wards and up and down. First you are standing on your head, while still trying to stay on the table and then the other way up on your feet and still trying to hold on and with an irritating red glow in the room. After they had completed their sadistic torture I was told that surgery was neither practical or possible and that within a few years I would be a wheel chair case for the balance of my life. However, Dr. Erickson said that they were experimenting with a new device at the Mayo Clinic Pain Control Clinic. It is called Transcutaneous Stimulation. Well last February I visited the Pain Control Clinic and was fitted with a E.P.C. Mini-TM-Stimulator. Because of the location of my injury, it was not possible to im-plant them and so I wear two carbon electrodes on the back of my neck with wires running down to a small battery operated unit that I wear on my belt. My left arm and leg are now possible to use with-out much pain and I have considerable lateral movement of my neck. I am now driving again and getting along quite

well. In fact I plan to live for another 40 years.

In April of this year I received a telephone call from my Nephew, Dr. Dean Cummings of Sunnyvale, California. He told me that my Sister, Natalie Solberg of Sausalito, had cancer of the bone and that she only had a few months to live. Before I could hang up the phone he then told me that they had found my younger brother dead in his Apt. in San Francisco, apparently from a heart attack. As you will remember I was very close to my sister and you may also recall that when you and Louise were staying in Sausalito I asked you to call her and go and visit her. I don't remember if you ever found the time to visit her.

My sister's grandson, who she raised after her daughter's divorce, is getting married on the 21st of August and she, my sister, wanted the Hanscom clan there. Consequently, June and I are flying out to Sausalito on the 15th of this month for the wedding. However, our main reason for going is to see my sister while she is still living. We will be staying at the Fountain Motel, which I think is in San Rafael.

Alex Gregory, Clara, June and I got together last August at the A.P.A. Seminar in Traverse City. We had a great time together and talked about the old times. Alex told us that he was moving out of Detroit and if you have his address I would greatly appreciate it if you would send it to me. I have not heard from him since that Seminar. The A.P.A. presented me with a full LIFE membership at the Traverse City Seminar. It is the only one that has ever been conferred and I feel quite honored. However, I was unable to attend the Seminar in New Orleans because of our trip to Sausalito and a retired Chief of Police and College professor just does not have the funds for the two trips and when Natalie does pass away, we will have to go back to Sausalito.

I have not heard from Olie Stevens for several months. In her last letter she said that she was moving back to Wisconsin and that she had to undergo surgery. She indicated that it might be cancer. I am going to write to Pearce and see if he knows anything about her.

Yes, I knew about Sam Hicks and the death of Ruby and his daughter and of his re-marriage. I have been meaning to write to him and I will real soon. Harsh and Mary Houts were in town last April and called us and wanted to take us out to dinner. However, I was in no condition to go. We did not see them, but he did tell us about Sam.

Thanks so very much for your letter Lemoyne and the very kind remarks that it contained. Both of you have always been tops on my list and I regard your friendship highly. Yes, I am proud that you are my friend. Our sincere regards and love from June and myself to you and Louise and please don't wait so long to write, life is so very short.

Just the very best,
Chick' en June

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June & I celebrated our Golden Anniversary
On the 16th of October 1974. My daughter
had an open house with our 200 guests
& relations. We had a wonderful time.
Our daughter, and only child, moved to
Seattle last June 9th. Her husband has
gone into business for himself. So now
we have lost our daughter, two great &
wonderful grand sons & a son-in-law
who is just tops. Kathleen Ann, our
daughter, was born in mpls. graduated
from grade school, high school & college
here. Married here, had two sons here &
after all these years, June & I are now
alone.

I completed 41 years of continuous
police service & teaching Criminal Justice
in 1972, and I'm still a young, old
man.

August 3rd, 1976

Mr. C.B. Hanscom
6043 Thomas Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55410

Dear Chick:

I have been thinking about you folks a lot the last few months and wondering how everything is going. We sent some mail to you about Christmas time addressed to 7111 Perry Avenue North and it was returned by the post office who said they never heard of you. The address on this letter is taken out of the roster of the American Polygraph Association for June, 1975.

Everything is going well with us and Louise and I had a fine holiday in Hawaii during the month of May. We often recall the visit with you folks out there several years ago.

I have not attended the meetings of the Academy of Forensic Sciences the last few years because most of the fellows that I like have either died or don't attend anymore. Alex Gregory has moved from Detroit and is living in the little town of Sebewaing, Michigan. He is retired completely from polygraph work.

On matters closer to home, Sam Hicks has remarried after the tragic deaths of his wife and daughter a few months ago in a highway accident. All of the old Gardner property has been sold and Jean is living alone in Fallbrook. She has become very interested in Jehovah's Witnesses and is active in their activities.

Otherwise there is not much to relate. We lost our case before the United States Supreme Court which ruled that even when a prosecutor has knowingly employed perjured evidence to send an innocent man to the gas chamber he is immune to a suit for damages.

Yours truly,
Mr. C.B. Hanscom

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Mr. C.B. Hanscom
August 3rd, 1975

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In my opinion our Supreme Court has leaped backwards about 35
years to their famous decision of condoning the throwing of American
citizens of Japanese decent into concentration camps. I am interested in
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are going, as you and June are among our very few very close friends.

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Dear Chick,

Minneapolis, Minnesota 55410
6043 Thomas Avenue South
Mr. C.B. Hanscom

August 3rd, 1975

August 24th, 1976

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Dear Chick:

Even though our visit was entirely too short we certainly enjoyed the time we spent with you and June last week. I wish we had an opportunity to get together more frequently.

I am enclosing two pages of Marshall Houts' curriculum vitae and you can draw your own conclusions. Many of the items listed are puffed completely out of proportion and his statement about his activities in the Court of Last Resort are 98% baloney. Another minor item is his claim to be "Clinical Professor of Forensic Pathology, California College of Medicine, University of California, Irvine (1972--)". If that is true he is the first Professor of Pathology in a major medical school that I have ever heard of who never spent a day in medical school himself. I am sure this is utter nonsense but it is in line with all the other exaggerations. It reminds me of the delusions of Walter Mitty.

I don't have Alex's address as yet but I think any mail addressed to him to R.F.D., Sebawaing, Michigan would reach him. Again Louise and I want to express our enjoyment at meeting you and June and we hope that your health will continue to improve.

All best,

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27 August 1976

Dear LeMoyne:

Your letter of the 24th arrived this morning and after reading the curriculum vitae enclosure I laugh so hard that drops of saline from my lacrimal glands ran down my face completely wetting the surface of the ludicrous document. Oh my aching back, that is the most ridiculous self treatise that I have ever read. Thanks for giving me a good laugh, I needed that. And let me herewith state, LeMoyne, with apologies for seemingly to be a braggart, but with my little old B.A. degree and my years of service as a police officer in the line and in command and with service with the State Crime Laboratory, that I am a well qualified and a court accepted criminologist and could put him to shame in any type of criminal investigation. But enough of that portion of his curriculum vitae. The Court of Last Resort was born from the murder conviction of one William Marvin Lindley, the "Red-headed Killer". Erle talked with his long time friend Harry Steeger about his idea for a clearing vehicle for those wrongly convicted and who could not afford legal counsel for appeal. The structure of the Court of Last Resort ~~and so Steeger~~ ^{was decided on} and Erle had to seek help to come to their aid in forming the Court. The first one contacted was Dr. LeMoyne Snyder and in turn were Raymond Schindler, Leonarde Keeler, Tom Smith and Bob. Rhay. Because of Keelers death Alex Gregory was called upon to assist with the lie detector. And LeMoyne, you know that these are facts. I am not sure of the year, but I think it was in 1946. I was very close to Uncle Erle and we talked for long hours on many occasions and he told me of the work of each member and if our former friend had been the General Counsel for the Court, then Erle would have told me. A few members went along just for the ride and the publicity that the Erle Stanley Gardner's name would give them. Enough of that.

The reason that I have delayed in writing you and thanking you and Louise for the wonderful time that gave us during our visit to Sausalito, is that I have been trying to locate that letter that I received from Houts. I just cannot find it and I am sure that in my anger I tore it up. However, I'll continue to look for it and if it ever does show up I'll send it to you.

The both of you are wonderful friends and we are both sorry that we were unable to accept your kind invitation to visit you at your home. However, I am sure that you both under-stood. Thanks again for making that long drive to be with us for a few hours and thank you for your kindness to my sister, Natalie.

Our very best to the both of you,

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Le Moyné: I just located
my copy of the book, "The Court of
Last Resort," by Erle Stanley Gardner.
Erle sent it to me years ago. It
contains the following autograph,

"To my friend and associate in
many cases, Chick Hanscom, with
all best wishes, yours Erle."
Below that, Erle Stanley Gardner.

And no place in that book
is Hans name mentioned.

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June 3rd, 1977

Dear Chic:

Louise and I were delighted to receive your letter and to become thoroughly impressed. Your overwhelming modesty has prevented you from being candid and letting us know just how great you are. Needless to say we enjoyed your letter immensely.

Your background in the state of Maine is very interesting because Louise and the kids and I spent two summers with a relative in Sargentville which is in the midst of your old neighborhood on Egemoggin Reach. As I recall, those two summers were 1935 and 1940 which is a long time ago.

I doubt very much if we will be able to make it to Las Vegas in August as that is a busy time around here what with grandchildren, etc. On top of that I am sorry they are holding the convention in Las Vegas---a town which is not on my favorite list of places, particularly in August. However there is no reason why you and June can't come in this direction and stay for a few days. We would be delighted and have a wonderful time.

All best and good luck to you both.

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THE GREAT HANSCOM

CURRICULUM VITAE AND OTHER MATTERS THAT ARE VERY UNIMPORTANT, INCON-
SEQUENTIAL, OR INESSENTIAL TRIVIALITIES OF THE GREAT HANSCOM.

Born: 22nd August 1902 - Birth: legitimate.

Place of birth: Clinton, Maine.

Time of birth: who-en-hell cares.

Education: Elementary: Boothbay Harbor, Castine, Stoneington, Deer Isle, East Machias, Belfast, Northport, Craberry Point, all of these towns are in the State of Maine. You see my Father was a Methodist Minister and I had to tag along or starve. Graduated from Northwood, Iowa High School Spring 1920

Enlisted in U.S. Navy in 1917 at the age of 15 years. After winning World War 1, I returned to Northwood, Iowa where I graduated from High school. After playing around for one year and just before the pregnancy of my girl friend, (or one of them) I left for college in 1922 and graduated from Boyles College with a B.A. degree, in 1926.

Employment: Police department, Omaha, Nebraska, 1926. Was sent to Rochester, Minn. in 1926 for treatment of a gun shot wound,

Married: June Sarah Hanson, in Rochester, while on out-patient service from the Mayo Clinic.

Did I have to get married, hell no. Joined the Rochester police dep't. in 1926 and after two years I took a leave of absence to further my education and worked part time at the University of Minnesota to pay my way and two years later the Board requested that I organized a University police dep't. I did, and in 1954 we were made a State police agency and I was Chief of that 138 member Department untill I retired in 1972.

I enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1941 and received a medical discharge in 1944 from an accident in which my neck was broken between the 3rd and 5th cervical vertebra.

And, no I did not work behind -the- lines doing combat intelligence work, and I did not receive two Bronze Arrowheads or a Presidential citation,

Not was I General Counsel for Erle Stanley Gardner's Court of Last Resort. However, I did all of the medical and forensic work up as Chief Investigator, or was that some one else?

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And what-en-hell does this mean to you, LeMoyné? Really not a thing. I had a few minuets to spare and I thought that I would see if I could impress you with a Vitae, i.e. Marsh Houts. But, while part of the other side is true and I did win both World War 1 and World War 11 and moved around the Country a lot and spent all of my adult life in police work, I just can't match your friend's extravagant and unrestrained fantasies.

So, just what is this letter all about. Well, I'll tell you - The American Polygraph Association is having its annual Seminar in Las Vegas in August, the 7th through the 10th. June and I have decided to go and I thought that Louise and yourself might come down. I don't think that we will ever get West again, you see My sister from Sausalito, Natalie, passed away on the 19th of last February. She is the one that both of you met when you so kindly drove down to Sausalito to see June and myself. And after my long dissertation, it all boils down to one short sentence- Will you and Louise meet us at the A.P.A. meeting? We would enjoy, so very much, being with you two again.

Our sincere best regards to you both,

Rich 'n June

Let's hear from you

August 29th, 1979

Dear Chic:

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I know you will feel distressed and saddened to learn that last Friday Sam Hicks went into the yard and shot himself through the head. Only a week or so before I had received a letter from Sam which was cheerful and humorous and I had supposed everything was O.K.

Ken Gardner, Erle's brother, called us and told about it. Since Erle's death Sam has faced several serious problems. The tragic death of Ruby and Linda was just one of them. Apparently he and Kelly had not been getting along well. She left him once for a month or so awhile back and then recently left him again and didn't come back.

He and Kelly had bought a small restaurant and they were having financial difficulties with it. It was just one thing after another.

I know very well the relationship that existed between Erle and Sam. All the time that Sam was with Erle he was on duty 24 hours a day, every day. During all those years he had no opportunity to establish himself in any activity that would return any income beyond what Erle paid him and of course all this time he was supporting a wife and four young children. Consequently when Erle died almost ten years ago here was Sam middle-aged with no job and no income and no home, as the house he lived in was part of the ranch and was disposed of as part of that estate.

The thing that is hard to understand in view of the fact that Erle had a very ample estate, and by that I mean it was in millions, he left Sam nothing whatever in his will except two of his old cameras. Consequently Sam found himself in a very difficult position---no home, no income and no job. Ruby finally got a job in the post office and later on Sam got elected constable but I think these jobs paid only a pittance. Of course we can't know everything that went on in Sam's mind and all we can do is to feel sorry and regret that such a wonderful person found himself in such straits. At any rate that is the story.

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Otherwise everything is going well with us and I hope it is with you folks too.

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Dear Chris:

August 29th, 1979

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March 6th, 1979

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Dear Chick:

Louise and I were delighted to receive your letter and the photograph which is nice to have. If you would like the date the picture was taken I can give it to you. That picture was taken at the annual convention of the Academy for Scientific Interrogation which was held in the Raleigh Hotel in Washington, D.C. in mid-September, 1954. I was president of the organization that year and I still have one of the programs. I can't recall who the fourth person in the picture is.

Goddard has never had the recognition he deserves for the part he played in the development of scientific interrogation. As you recall, he had an M.D. from Johns Hopkins University and at one time was head of the Cornell Clinic in New York City. He came from an old Virginia family that had a strong military background and he literally fell in love with military service and abandoned medicine entirely. If for nothing else his invention of the comparison microscope was a terrific contribution.

With reference to Marsh and Mary Houts, I have had no communication of any kind with them since the event of several years ago.

I presume you have read the biography of Erle by Mrs. Hughes. I don't know whether it has had much of a sale but at \$15 a copy I would doubt it.

We have heard about the terrible winter you have had. Today is a beautiful spring day and I intend to play a little golf this afternoon. You and June better come out here and thaw out. Best wishes to you both and I hope we can get together this summer.

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July 21st, 1977

Dear Chic:

I was delighted to receive your letter giving all the news about yourself and some of our friends. I am sorry you feel you can't make it up here for a short visit and I would be delighted to give you a rain check as you requested. However we haven't had enough rain in months to even issue a rain check so you will have to get along without it.

I was interested to read your comments about Maine and particularly the Sargentville area. I haven't been back there for a long time but I remember those towns and particularly Castine that was famous for its wonderful front doors on many of the houses.

The last copy of the Polygraph Newsletter came yesterday and I was interested in the report of the Executor Director, Walter Atwood. Without doubt he has worked like a beaver to promote the organization but I think we are making a great mistake in going after porno outfits like Playboy and Out to promote our association. No person with a trace of scientific intelligence would give the slightest credence to anything he read in either of those sheets and even if the article were authentic he would be turned off. I have the same feeling about scientific organizations that choose Las Vegas for their annual meetings. Such events demean the whole outfit and leads one to wonder what is the purpose of the organization in the first place. There was quite an article on Las Vegas in a recent publication I read which described the wedding chapels and it is enough to make one a little ill. For example in addition to the base rate of \$25 for a wedding, for an extra \$5 they will play a tape recording of the wedding march and supply a can of douche powders. A great place for a scientific convention. It makes me sick.

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Dear CMC:

July 21st, 1977

THE GREAT HANSCOM

Minneapolis, Minnesota
16 July 1977

Dear Lemoyne:

I am ready to admit that I am the Worlds greatest procrastinator. However, I have this darn old portable typewriter and I just hate sitting down and try to write a letter on it and because my hand-writing is not legible to any one but myself and my immediate family, I am forced to use it, *or I can't even write right.*

Consequently, in reply to your kind invitation in your letter of 11 June to spend some time with you after the Las Vegas trip, I don't think that we will be able to make it at this time. However, we do appreciate your invitation and know that we would have a most enjoyable time, so a rain check please.

I had a letter from Olie last week. She had made plans to attend the APA Seminar in Las Vegas. However, while attending a health club in Green Bay she fell and broke her wrist and so she will not be able to make the trip to Vegas. What a place to break a wrist, in a health club.

Ralph Pearce is in Denver spending some time with his daughter and grand-children. Poor Ralph is very lonesome since Floss *passed* away and spends a great deal of time in Denver.

I was very interested to learn of your summers in Maine and yes I know all about the Sargentville area. We did not live to far from there at one time and in fact the town is named after a shirt tale relative of mine, a Walter Sargent who married my second cousin. We spent most of our time living in Belfast, Castine and an Island by the name of Stoneington. Great Country.

Sorry that you and Louise can-not be at Vegas. Its not my favorite place for a trip either. But, I get a chance to see some of the old timers that I would be unable to see other-wise, and so the trip. Think it over, and just maybe the two of you will change your mind. You are two of the nicest friends that I have and I so much enjoy talking to you.

Just the very best to the two of you,

Shirley June

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April 22nd, 1980

Dear Chic:

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I thought you would be interested in a telephone call I received yesterday afternoon from one of the top law firms in Los Angeles. My conversation was with a woman by the name of Pat Martin who is with the firm. The conversation had to do with a television show called "Quincy". I have only seen the show once and didn't care for it. But at any rate here is the scoop. This law firm represents the defendants in a major suit brought against five of the big T V producers and distributors who are in any way connected with QUINCEY. They wanted me to be a witness for the defense of this case. These firms are being sued (she didn't tell me how much but you can bet it was for millions) by a friend of yours by the name of Marshall Houts.

The allegation in the suit is that the character of Quincey was stolen and adapted from Marsh's book on Milten Helpen and according to Pat Martin, Marsh recites several incidents in the show which Marsh claims were lifted right out of his book. You recall that Marsh wrote a book on Helpen back in 1967 under the title of WHERE DEATH DELIGHTS. I haven't noticed anything about the suit in the press but it will undoubtedly be and very shortly.

Naturally I told them that under no circumstances would I become involved in the case because at one time both Helpen and Houts were close friends of mine and furthermore I knew nothing or at least next to nothing about the T V show Quincey. However this whole thing seems so much in character and I have no doubt that Marsh figures that whatever the merits of the suit may be it has a nuisance value which is worth a lot of money.

Everything continues to go fine with all of us here. We talk of you and June frequently and I hope we can get together before long.

With all best to you both.

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May 7th, 1980

Dear Chic:

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Louise and I were delighted to receive your letter with all the news and wish it were possible for us to get together more frequently. I haven't heard anything more about the affair involving Quincy except that a horse owned by Klugman who is the character "Quincy" came in 3rd in the Kentucky Derby.

I also received a letter from Ralph Pierce's daughter telling about his death. I had kept in touch with him ever since I first met him at the time of the crown jewels case in 1946. Ralph was a Lt. Colonel at that time and I believe had come into active service through the National Guard. Before the war he had spent most of his active business life with the Union Pacific Railroad and lived in Omaha. Ralph first met Nard and me in connection with the crown jewels case and he was in charge for the army. It was at that time that he became interested in the polygraph and when the case was finished he resigned his commission and joined Nard with his polygraph business. After Nard's death in 1949 Ralph took over and operated the business for some time before he resigned, as the business was owned by Nard's two sisters. There was a succession of several other people who operated the business for several years---some famous and some otherwise. Ralph was a fine person and Floss was too. As you may recall, in addition to this one daughter they had a son who was killed in the war, which was a loss that they suffered severely.

After Ralph and Floss moved to Florida I visited them in Ft. Lauderdale and when Floss died Ralph was in pitiful shape. He had only one eye and it developed a cataract so he was virtually blind, couldn't drive a car and was very lonesome. A couple of years ago the cataract was removed which gave Ralph a great deal of relief so that he was able to drive again. This is about all the information I have. It is always good to hear from you and best regards to June.

All best,

LMS/vr

May 14th, 1980

Handwritten: Hanscom

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Dear Chic:

I sent you today a little memento that I think you will enjoy having. This is a little china tray that was given to Louise and me by the Breitenneckers of Vienna. You may recall that I studied under him in Vienna in 1937.

The inscription on the back of it is that it is a souvenir celebrating the 600th anniversary of the founding of the University of Vienna. I recall vividly the night you went out to the Prater and were so enthusiastic about what you had seen. That same night Marsh and Mary and I went to the opera, which was rather disappointing. I came across this the other day and of all the people I know thought you would enjoy it the most.

Best wishes and I hope we can get together soon.

LMS/vr

November 7th, 1980

Dear Chic:

I thought you and June would be interested in this article about the Moana. You and I have stayed at some fabulous hotels around the world and there are pleasant memories associated with all of them.

I have been getting the publicity on the Forensic Sciences convention to be held in Los Angeles in February. My present inclination is not to go. The main reason is that so many of my old friends that I would really enjoy seeing are gone for one reason or another and I have no particular interest in most of the others. Louise and I hope everything is going well with you folks and it would be nice if we could take a trip together again.

All best.

LMS/vr
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June 19th, 1981

Dear Chic:

Please excuse the long delay in responding to your letter about this character Likken. Of course he has been a pain in the neck for a long time and I am at a loss to know best how to combat him. Do you think it is possible to fight him through the University of Minnesota?

Of course these screwballs have a ready audience any time they want to sound off. The Donahue show a couple of weeks ago had an entire T.V. program devoted to knocking the polygraph. Even the Wall Street Journal a couple of days ago had a little item on the front page to the effect that employers were losing their faith in the whole business.

I have been fighting for the polygraph for half a century and it is a good deal like fighting mosquitoes. As you well know, one of the interesting traits of the human brain is that everyone has a deep seated feeling that he can outsmart anyone else. Every poker player, every fisherman, every lawyer has a deep conviction that he knows the tricks of the trade better than anyone else.

I think the best way of dealing with Likken is to laugh at him. Also laugh at the University of Minnesota for employing such a screwball.

Everything continues to go well with us. I had another birthday a couple of days ago and am now going on 84. I seem to be in fairly good shape with my pacemaker but I get in a little golf a couple of times a week and continue to feel fine. Louise and I send our best to you and June and I think we need another vacation together.

All best.

Hanscom

January 8th, 1982

Dear Chic:

Please excuse the delayed response to your Christmas note. As you can well imagine Louise and I are most saddened and upset to hear of June's illness.

We don't know what to say. The only thing we can do is to let both of you know that we are thinking of you constantly and you have all of our best wishes and prayers for the coming year. There is no one's friendship that we cherish more than yours and we want you to know that you are constantly in our thoughts.

All best,

LeMoyne Snyder

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Harvard

May 10th, 1982

Dear Chic:

Louise and I want you to know how much we appreciate the material you sent us concerning the services for June. Also what a beautiful poem that was that you sent with it. We hope that by this time you have begun to make a slight adjustment to getting along without her. Thank you again for sending it.

We seem to be getting along in good shape and are looking forward to going back east next month for the two hundredth anniversary of Harvard Medical School and also to visit our son John and his wife in Washington, D.C. I am on a regular exercise program to keep my old ticker in shape. As you know, I have had a pacemaker for the last year or two.

We both send our love and best wishes.

Sincerely,