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Dear Kris, Nick, Kevin, and Richard:

What a marvelous volume. I am extraordinarily impressed with the quality of its production and its delightful contents. I am reading in and out of the book in no particular order. I believe that it is how Sam would want it to be read. When you read all of Sam's fact-filled and well-documented essays, it is then you realize how well he masked his considerable research and writing talents with his wonderfully absent-minded mien and his often puzzling incongruous observations.

As Nick knows well, I was a latecomer to the CRV team. It was Jay and Sam who concocted the initial plan and Sam brought Nick and Bill Daniels from History into the fold and Jay brought in Milt Nadworny from Economics down the other end of our 2nd floor offices in the Old Mill. I was included because I had been assembling a computerized database of all of Vermont's federal and state election returns for my Political Data Laboratory at 475 Main Street. I had hoped to get back into Jay Gould's good graces in the aftermath of the bitter Michael Parenti academic freedom fight. The CRV was to be my vehicle of atonement.

In 1971, as a young idealistic (and not very wise) fourth year instructor, I became deeply enmeshed in Michael's cause. Philosophy's Will Miller organized the Thomas Jefferson Chair to give Michael a place at UVM while I raised \$17,000.00 in cash and pledges as head of the University Defense Fund. As Nick may remember, we hired ex-Lieutenant Governor Tom Hayes to defend Michael in court. The *Chronicle of Higher Education* contended that the Parenti case was the nation's most obvious case of political prejudice owing to Michaels' scholarly reputation. However, Michaels' mercurial temperament led him to abandon his own cause in order to run for public office. He took a one year buyout costing us a legal precedent that could have been used to protect other untenured faculty members whose politics were controversial. The loss of that precedent

put a number of junior politically active colleagues at risk and I can count at least eight instructors who were dismissed from UVM.

By this time, I had already been banished from the Old Mill along with my fellow quantifiers and sent across the street to 475 Main Street. The unstated reason was that our world-renowned but misogynistic Holocaust scholar Raul Hilberg preferred not to encounter Irene Diamond, our first female hire, in the halls of the Old Mill.

Thanks to unstinting support from Academic Vice President Al Rollins, I had been tenured in 1974 over Jay's vehement abstention. Rollins had been my staunchest supporter from the time of my initial UVM interview in February, 1968 to his departure from UVM to become President of Virginia's Old Dominion University.

Pre-law and history had been my initial majors at Boston University but it was BU Government Professor Murray Levin who's lecturing style of illuminating politics through stories about politicians that captivated me and led me to abandon pre-law and commit myself wholly to political science. But history remained a constant in my life and American intellectual history was the fourth field in my Ph.D. comprehensive exams at Iowa.

When I joined the UVM faculty in 1968, I was dazzled by the array of academic talent assembled within the History Department – Jerry Felt, Bill Daniels, Peter Seybolt, Harold Schultz, Bill Metcalf, Al Andrea, Marshall True, and Neil Stout soon to be joined by Mark Stoler and of course Sam and Nick. Although we had Raul Hilberg (often mislabeled as an historian), the rest of us in Political Science were appropriately deferential to the UVM History Department.

Once again, the History Department through its CRV representatives has delivered with this marvelous volume on Sam Hand.

Congratulations and thank you.

Best as ever, Garrison

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Garrison". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "Garrison".