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Sent: Monday, November 30, 2015 8:57 AM
To: Rowe, Peter <peter.rowe@sduniontribune.com>
Subject: Fw: Message via the Web site

Pete -

I've tried to save you from yourself, to save you from embarrassment and ridicule but apparently you won't take my advice. Has nothing to do with selling books, hell, the book isn't even available yet, but instead about truth, the journalist's only concern.

Here's something to keep in mind from a very wise man.

"When we ignore the truth, and instead worship falsehoods by playing to emotions unfounded through false facts, we play the fool and must accept the consequences." - Thomas Merton

I will pray for you Pete. If this is any indication of your journalistic tendencies, it's going to be a bumpy career.

Mark Shaw

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Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 10:01 AM
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Verdict?

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From: Mark Shaw <mshawin@yahoo.com>
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Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 4:46 PM
Subject: Re: Message via the Web site

Pete -

Since I've been a journalist too, in fact founder of the Aspen Daily News as well as written for USA Today and other venues, here is what I'd do in this situation in the interest of journalism integrity.

Since I now realize I gave a totally unqualified man, Mr. Bryan, a megaphone to espouse his unfounded ideas about Dorothy Kilgallen and her death based on, as he admitted "no proof" of any kind, and his having duped me by in fact being dishonest that "Kilgallen is forgotten" when he knew otherwise since he had knowledge that a credible book is on the way, I'd decide it was fair to update the story. I'd interview the author of the book for a short article for publication this week to let readers know that in 2016 her life story will be told by a credible author whose research

includes primary sources based on video and audiotaped interviews with those who knew her best, etc.

I'd use a headline something like, "Book On Dorothy Kilgallen Set For 2016" with the tie-in a follow-up on my previous story with perhaps the first sentence reading: "Well, perhaps Dorothy Kilgallen isn't forgotten after all." And permit the author to be quoted close to what he wrote in his Facebook posting about the book. I'd ask that he not flame the fire by making fun of or demeaning Mr. Bryan but only focus on the positive side of Ms. Kilgallen and his attempt to provide a credible account of her life and times, and her death.

I'd do this because I believe it would be fair to the author and to readers, balanced journalism if you will. My bet is that your publisher Mr. Ryan would agree once he knew all of the facts about this matter.

I hope this answers your question and this is the resolution that appears to make good sense at this point in time.

Mark Shaw

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Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 3:32 PM
Subject: RE: Message via the Web site

Dear Mr. Shaw,
Thanks for the note. I'm not sure what "resolution" you are seeking, but do what you think is right.
I wish you success with your book.
Best,
Pete

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Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 12:24 PM
To: Rowe, Peter
Subject: Re: Message via the Web site

Pete -

On our end, we'll need some resolution to this matter by you or your editor by the end of the day. Otherwise, we'll see what your publisher Mr. Ryan thinks of how Mr. Bryan, an individual whose background is a landscaper for a school district with absolutely no credentials as a researcher/investigator, one who admits he has "no proof" regarding any of the allegations

presented in the article, was permitted to be part of your report on conspiracies and Dorothy Kilgallen.

This certainly is not responsible journalism at its best, and I'd think you'd want to present the rest of the story here since, in effect, you permitted outlandish statements by him soiling Ms. Kilgallen's reputation. All while failing to check his facts.

Also, for the record, your suggesting that anything my friend Vince Bugliosi, God rest his soul, wrote about Ms. Kilgallen in "Reclaiming History," is accurate, is absurd. It is not. As for the rest of the garbage on the internet about her, it's pure bonk as our book will clearly indicate while completely blasting away all of Mr. Bryan's claims based on credible, eyewitness evidence to the contrary he knew existed.

You, your editor, Mr. Bryan and your newspaper are now part of the story, already mentioned in the book manuscript I'm completing. The only question now is how you are portrayed in the book either as another of those through the years with a reckless disregard for the truth or one who stepped up and made sure both sides of the story were presented.

Here's hoping you do the right thing. Will await further word.

Mark Shaw

From: "peter.rowe@sduniontribune.com" <peter.rowe@sduniontribune.com>
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Dear Mr. Shaw,
Thank you for the note. I'll forward it to my editor.
Best wishes,
Pete

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Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 2:49 PM
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Subject: Message via the Web site

Peter - As a seasoned reporter, I am certain you want to tell both sides of the story, so to speak, and one side is completely left out of your story about Gene Bryan and his "investigation" of Dorothy Kilgallen's death. That side is that Mr. Bryan is well aware of my forthcoming book about Ms. Killgallen to be published in 2016 by a reputable NY publisher with Simon & Schuster handing the distribution. As you will read below, it is truly a legitimate effort to applaud her remarkable career but also to lay to rest irresponsible facts and conclusions being reported by

individuals like Mr. Bryan who are relying on false information dismissed long ago. Several instances exist, as I have informed Mr. Bryan, including the idea that nicotine was discovered in Ms. Kilgallen's system. I have all of the medical records and no such fact exists.

Despite my making Mr. Bryan aware of the book (I sent him the Facebook posting) and cautioning him on reporting false facts and conclusions damaging her reputation and misleading the public about her life, and death, he continues to go forward. I hold no ill will toward him since I am sure he is well-intended but too often these days sensationalism replaces good, solid reporting skills. I pride myself with accuracy and my 20+ published books reflect the care I take to get the facts straight. Here, I have primary sources, eyewitnesses at the time of Ms. Kilgallen's death and these sources were videotaped or audiotaped to provide credibility for my book. Also, I have copies of Ms. Kilgallen's personal papers and, as you will read, documented information from the NYC Medical Examiner's Office that will be presented in the book.

As far as the question of Ms. Kilgallen's death goes, I present substantiated facts so readers can make up their own minds about what really happened. Several theories are presented, each solidified by substantial evidence.

If you have questions about my side of the story, you may reach through the above email address or by calling me at [REDACTED]

As noted below, Ms. Kilgallen was a remarkable woman and she deserves to have the truth told about her life and what may have caused her death. This is not about selling books but about making certain she is provided with the same sort of accurate reporting in death as she gave others in life.

Thank you for the consideration. Mark Shaw

Facebook Posting - Nov. 21, 2015

Pleased to announce that my latest book, "The Reporter Who Knew Too Much: 'Circumstances Undetermined' and the Mysterious Death of Powerful Media Icon Dorothy Kilgallen" will be published in 2016 by New York City-based Post Hill Press with distribution by Simon & Schuster. Part tribute to this remarkable woman whose accomplishments in her era rival Oprah Winfrey, Diane Sawyer and Barbara Walters of today, the book will also lay to rest ludicrous theories about her death postulated since 1965 and recently by those with a reckless disregard for the truth by using false facts through incomplete and shoddy research. Finally, Kilgallen will have her "day in court," so to speak, with an objective perspective corroborated with credible evidence supporting every aspect of my investigation.

Based on several years of research, the book not only quotes from official documents and Kilgallen's personal papers never revealed before but also features lengthy never-before-seen videotaped and audiotaped interviews with those closest to Kilgallen including her hairdressers Charles Simpson and Marc Sinclair, (he chillingly describes finding her body), Catherine Stone, one of the last people to see Kilgallen alive after being a guest on Kilgallen's final WMY? program, and Ibne Hassan, a family tutor in the house on the day Kilgallen died. Additional recent interviews with two toxicologists and the wife of another working at the NYC Medical Examiner's Office when Kilgallen died add to the accuracy of the research. These interviews, to be posted on the book's website for public viewing, permit plausible explanations as to how Kilgallen died, and why, while pointing specifically at one suspect, who, in all likelihood, was complicit in her death.

Throughout my research, I have gained the utmost respect for Ms. Kilgallen. She broke through the "glass ceiling" when no one knew of the term, a woman who earned respect and admiration in

a man's world by balancing careers as a revered newspaper columnist and crack investigative reporter, an author, an adventurer, and a television and radio personality while raising three children. As the New York Daily Post Magazine stated, "Wherever Dorothy Kilgallen goes fame precedes her, envy follows her, and a crowd looks on. She is one of the communications marvels of the age." Ernest Hemingway, a close friend of Kilgallen's, said, "Kilgallen was one of the greatest women writers in the world."

If anyone has relevant information to contribute about Kilgallen's life and times, please send it along to tomshawin@yahoo.com or to my Facebook page. More about me and my credentials/adventures as an author, California attorney and former legal analyst for USA Today, ESPN, and CNN and as well as a recent appearance on the REELZ Channel Special, "The Kennedy's," is available at markshawbooks.com and on Wikipedia. Additional information about "The Reporter Who Knew Too Much" will be posted on the book's website beginning next month.

I am truly honored to help tell Dorothy's story. She is an inspiration to all of us and especially to women around the world.

Mark Shaw