GET EVEN:
The Complete Book of Dirty Tricks

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General Advice

Throughout this book I make many references to the mark, which is a street label hung on the victim of a scam or con. In our case, the mark is a bureaucrat, civil servant, lawyer, cop, businessperson, military officer, government official, teacher, merchant, manager, employer, employee, or some other person who has done something unpleasant to you, your family, your property, or your friends. Never think of a mark as the victim of dirty tricks. Think of the mark as a very deserving target.

Before you read any of the specific areas of this book, please read these next few vital paragraphs. They tell how a trickster prepares before going into action.

1. PREPARE A PLAN
   Plan all details before you take any action at all. Don’t even ad-lib something from this book without a plan of exactly what you’re going to do and how. If your campaign involves a series of actions, make a chronological chart, then coordinate your efforts. Make a list of possible problems. Plan what you’ll do if you get caught — depending upon who catches you. You must have very option, contingency, action, reaction, and eventuality planned in advance.

2. GATHER INTELLIGENCE
   Play like a real intelligence operative and compile a file on your mark. How detailed and thorough you are depends upon your plans for the mark. For a simple get-even number, you obviously need less information than if you’re planning an involved, time-release campaign. Before you start spying,
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make a written list of all the important things you need to know about the target — be it a person, company, or institution.

3. BUY AWAY FROM HOME
   Any supplies, materials or services you need must be purchased away from where you live. Buy way in advance and pay in cash. Try to be as inconspicuous and colorless as possible. Don’t talk unnecessarily with people. The best rule here is a spook’s favorite — a good agent will get lost in a crowd of one. The idea is for people not to remember you.

4. NEVER TIP YOUR HAND
   Don’t get cocky, cute ’n clever and start dropping hints about who’s doing what to whom. I know that sounds stupid, but some would-be tricksters are gabby. Of course, in some of the cases this will not apply, e.g., unselling car customers at the dealership, or other tricks in which the scenario demands your personal involvement.

5. NEVER ADMIT ANYTHING
   If accused, act shocked, hurt, outraged, or amused, whichever seems most appropriate. Deny everything, unless, again, your plan involves overt personal involvement. If you’re working covert, stay that way. The only cool badass out of Watergate was Gordon Liddy, and he kept his mouth shut.

6. NEVER APOLOGIZE, IT’S A SIGN OF WEAKNESS
   Normally, harassment of a citizen is a low priority case with the police. The person’s priority increases along with his socio-financial position in the community and with his political connections. If you are at war with a corporation, utility or institution, that’s a different ball game. They often have private security people, sometimes retired federal or state investigators. So, by habit, these people may not play according to the law either. If you play dirty tricks upon a governmental body be prepared to have a case opened. But, how hard it is followed depends upon a lot of factors. Understanding all this ahead of time is part of your intelligence planning before you get started in action. The best advice I can offer is to know the law, know your rights, know the risks,
weigh the risks, plan everything ahead of time in detail, be careful, and don’t get caught. If you do get caught don’t admit anything to anyone... maybe not even to your barrister. He may not want to know, anyway.

As a cautionary note, I should tell you that in the summer of 1979, federal authorities in Pennsylvania opened an investigation into a series of harassing actions against a Pittsburgh attorney. The attorney's friends and colleagues received a letter suggesting that the mark was a homosexual and a pornographer. The evidence indicates that the attorney is innocent of the slanderous charges. He blamed the bogus letter on a disgruntled former client with whom he was engaged in a case.

This book has been simply organized by topical heading, which is by no means inclusive or even logical. The book's organization had its genesis in the index card filing of tricks compiled during the research stage. You can use the table of contents as an index if you wish. Because the topical areas often cross index in content if not in tactic, materials or form, it may be helpful to check headings related to your special interest. In a few cases I have done some in-text cross index referencing for you. But, before you go to the topical areas, please read these next few pages of rambling explanation, too. It is vital to know all the ground rules.
The schemes presented in this book have been suggested by people who have actually used them. Many of these people have asked to have their names changed or altered. Some sources have asked that I use totally fictional names. I did so to protect good people, maybe at the expense of bad people. However, the tricks, scams, stunts, cons, and scenarios presented here are done so solely for informational and amusement purposes only. It is not my intent that you use this book as a manual or as a trickster’s cookbook. I certainly don’t expect that anyone who reads this book would actually ever DO any of the things described here. . . .

This book is written to entertain and inform readers, not to instruct or persuade them to commit an illegal act. As I am personally a very pacifistic person I could hardly advocate something I did not personally believe in. From my own mild disposition, I could hardly tell someone else to make any of these tactics operational. To do that would be hypocritical, and I am no hypocrite. Actually, I am a registered Republican, and I play on a church league softball team.

Please read this book with that proper reference in mind. I do not want to be responsible for the personal or corporate suffering of anyone, regardless of how deserved that suffering would be. There is a cynic’s version of the Golden Rule that goes, “Do unto others as they have done unto you.” Nastier cynics modify that to read, “Do unto others before they do unto you.” Not being a cynic I try to live by the real Golden Rule.

Happy reading, and remember, please, all of this is just in good, clean fun!