

From a typed copy

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My dear M.B.

When I left N.Y.C. I first went to Washington, D.C. there to find out, just where our subject would be? I visited O. Bumback and James True who hold fort at the Kellogg Bldg. True just had received word from G. W. that our man was at Cooper, Texas, and I could find him at a Mr. M. C. Ludlow there. I learned from True that our man was one of Bill Green's best friends and that G was a cog in the A.M. movement, that he, True, was told this by Fry, who as you know is the big shot behind Green. True also said that not alone Senators WH and B were active in the movement but others in both Houses as well. He then asked me whether or not I still was interested in his I.C. Reports and if so I would receive them regularly, so I have these reports sent to my house thinking you may be interested in them.

I left Washington Wednesday morning and on my way to Texas stopped off at Tulsa, Oklahoma, to see Mr. (Bill) W. H. Shelly of the Shelly Oil Co., I knew that Bill was a Supporter of our man, as well as a dear friend of Kirby. Bill had seen Kirby at Tyler, Texas, and that I could find Kirby at Dallas. "If I were you," Shelly said, "I visit Kirby, first before going to Houston. Several big Oil men as well as big shots in Texas are backing the A.F.M," he said. "K will tell you all about them."

At Cooper I talked with Mr. Ludlow. This chap is strong in the movement. He said that "our man" was with him alright but had left for Dallas, so I went to that City. I arrived here Saturday afternoon, I then went to the Kirby Building. I learned from him (manager of the Kirby interest here) that K would be in Monday morning, and that he, K, would be glad to see me, especially because, Mr. Shelly, his friend had recommended me. So I am awaiting him tomorrow, as he is the King Pin in the movement, he is a big man in this ~~territory~~ territory and I will have "Open Sesame" thru Kirby.

Now a few words to you, My dear Mr. M.B. I told our friend Dick R that I had met "our man" at Asheville, Carolina during a Ministers Convention there, such Bigots as H.A. Jung, Winrod etcetera were there. I of course at that time followed these two chaps. Of course as far as this A.F.M. is concerned, I do not know much about it, but will know plenty when I get thru here. Will have the real authentic data desired. Tuesday I will meet "our man" at Houston, as he will be there then. As far as I am concerned I much rather start from "Schrate". You can rest assured that we will solve this case, get all the men in it, and all the stuff you want. I am starting with the fellow higher up.

I will appreciate your comment by return mail. We discussed the matter of expenses. You realize of course that the R.R. fare is the big item in fact it takes all the expense money, leaving nothing for sustenance. I do hope you discuss this with your party, what I learned from you thru Dick R. I know you will do the right thing, about that. Lets go at this thing in the right way. M. from my end I will-- Deliver, but I must be backed up. Tell Dick I am on the job and give my best regards to him.

With best wishes to you M and expecting yours by return mail, I am,

P.S. Let me work my own way M. I am on the ground here. Will have K our man in the palm of my hand. Am sure I will get more out of K as far as the big shots are concerned than from any one else. Refunds Cashier Check I believe is the best method--don't you?