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Dear David,

This is a hurried reply to your letter of the 28th. As requested in your letter, I am sending you herewith all of the CD pages specified with the exception of the following:

CD 5 pages 5-6, 8-10, 90-91, 96-98, 117

CD 735 pages 261-264, 273, 296-297

CD 897 pages 329-343, 438-439

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In other words, I am sending you 102 pages out of the 139 pages specified. Unfortunately, I have filed only some of my CDs numerically, while placing others under a specific subject as in the case of Charles Givens. I have gone through everything in sight without locating the pages listed above as "not enclosed." I am at a loss to understand where they could be, since nothing is out on loan except to you and these are different pages.

Apparently it will require a more intensive search or a sudden jolt of memory to locate the missing CD pages but I don't want to delay you on those which are available. If you do not hear from me on the missing pages listed above by the time you are ready to send your order to the Archives, you had better include these pages.

I am a little set back by the magnitude of the total abnp order you intend to send--1652 pages, not counting the 37 pages which I have not been able to find in my own files. Even at 5¢ a page, it will come to a great deal of money for me. Am I correct about the 5¢ rate? If so, will you try to take into account the pages I have supplied? Pending clarification of the costs, please do not regard my order for all the abnp pages to be ordered from the Archives as firm or final (unless, of course, this throws things out of kilter for you, in which case maybe we can resort to an "installment plan" for payment).

At the moment I am laboring under a real avalanche of UN work, so I will limit this reply to the essentials and close now with best regards,

Hastily,

ABNP Index: Input that Sylvia Meagher can provide

CD 5 (21pp)

2, 5-6, 8-10, (#35)
 81-82 (# 6)
 90-91, 96-98, 103 (#35)
 117, 130, 160, 182 (#36)
 329, 330, 332 (#35)

CD 7 (15pp)

178*, 192 (#20)
 223-228 (#9)
 291 (#12A)
 306, 312-315 (#12d)
 335 (#10)

CD 205 (21pp)

69-71 (#4)
 124-~~131~~ 135) (#124-129/#1; 130-131/#9; 132-135/12E; 145-150/12A,D)
 145-150
206 (6pp)
 11 (# 5)
 25-29 (#30)

735 (89pp)

261-264 (#6)
 269-270, 273 (#6)
 296-297 (#5)

897 (18pp)

34 (#5)
 329-343 (#14)
 438-439 (#22)

1245 (8 pp)

5-10 (#14)
 181-182 (#5)

1546 (41)

20-24 (#12E)
 38-64 (12B)
 150-158 (150-153/33B, 154-158/#14)

(Already provided)

CD 5: p400 (#35) 1 p
 CD 735:p265-8, 271-2 (#6) 6
 CD 897 p423-9 (#15) 7
 p440-1 (#220) 2
 CD 1518 41-46 (#23b) 6
 total abnp already, 22

Grand total

already provided 22pp
 requested now 139pp
 re 161 pp

Requested now:
 total computation
 CD 5 21pp
 CD 7 15pp
 CD 205 22pp
 CD 206 6pp
 CD 735 9pp
 CD 897 18pp
 CD1245 8pp
 CD1546 41pp
 139 pp

Oct. 28, 1969

Dear Sylvia,

Under separate cover, by first class mail, I have sent you the following:

- 1) all the material that you loaned me for copying. Thankyou so much.
- 2) xerox copy of synopsis and table of contents pages of CD 1066, a Gemberling report dated 5 28 64, which I accidentally had omitted from the original collection when I ordered them from the Archives. As a result, I did not include entries from CD 1066 (which is nomore or less important than the others) when I made up the abnp index.
- 3) An addendum to the abnp index. Two things were affected. First of all, there are new entires. (everything but the top page contains these new entries, from 1066)
The toppage, in addition to being explanatory, contains a small list of changes that should be made to the page counts listed on the subject list.

With this addendum, the entire abnp index is finished.

- 4) CD 7, p381. Which settles the date of the clipboard "discovery", and, if the FBI is in on any of this nonsense, also contains the name of one of the bit players in the cast for this particular act: Agent Nat. Pinkston. (But who knows, who is taking the bait and who is planting it there).

My order to the archives is ready to go and in draft form. By checking against your master list, it turns out that there are 139 pages that you can provide, and which I will not have to ask for on the microfilm.

Therefore, I enclose a list enumerating these pages on the left hand side. Could you pull these pages from your files and send them to me for xeroxing, just as you did the others? I will do them at this end. (I will need multiple copies of most of them anyway; one for the abnp file, which I will use as a "master", and at least one for my own subject files).

The total abnp order will be sent in within about 10 days, to the archivist. He has been giving me very fast service (only about 10 days) and I expect it will be filled promptly.

For your information, here is the best way to state what is being ordered. EVERYTHING EXCEPT subject #:

16 LHO mexico trip

22 Ruby

33A and B: Other Investigation re LHO/unknown content, unknown value

34A and B: Miscellaneous Alleged Activities of LHO/
unknown content, unknown value

In addition, the following three items, totaling 391 pp, will not be ordered unless ~~XXXXXX~~ I can get at least 2 customers for it, which will pay both for the original cost, and the printing out. They ~~are~~ all concern LHO's background, and are #31 (employment);

32A, acquaintances in past contact with...; and 32A/CD 5--background investigation contained in CD 5.

Even with these omissions, the rest of the abnp material being acquired totals 1652 pages.

The enclosed list has all the pertinent data on the left hand side of the page, so if you file by CD #, there should not be too much of a problem.

Paul Hoch is also helping me in this regard; he is scanning my draft order at this time to see what pages he and jim schmidt, a san francisco hermit-scholar, can come up with. Then the order goes in.

I've already set up files with labels to handle the printout, and the rest should be very mechanical. The key time saver will be, from here on in, that there will be no "sort" procedure, since the microfilm is coming in with the material grouped by subject.

One more word about the abnp index. It is much more than an index; I feel that I have killed about 4 birds with one stone here. First of all, it is really a chronological analysis, by subject, of that the Dallas Field office of the FBI was telling headquarters in Washington. It is, in that regard, an analysis of what the Gemberling/Shanklin team was telling Hoover ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ and Belmont, subject by subject, and, depending where you choose your time cut-off, this in turn is the basis for, first of all, the Dec 9 report (based on CD 5 only, plus any reports dated before Dec 9 in CD 7), then the Jan 13 supplemental report; and finally, much of the investigation conducted for the WC.

In addition to the way the investigation was being conducted, the abnp material provides me with the basic info I need to know when and whether Gemberling is misrepresenting underlying material through the use of an incorrect or biased synopsis.

As I went through creating that thing, I made many typewritten notes to myself on this whole matter, notes which I'm sure will be the basis for a really new viewpoint on the FBI's role in this whole affair. I agree, by the way, that some of Gemberling's subject headings are a bit ponderous; I deliberately stuck to them so that I have a device by which I can look at the event through the same glasses the Dallas Field Office was wearing, and so am better able to put myself in the position of Gemberling (at the sending end) or the Belmont/Hoover team (at the receiving end) to see where ponderous fact classification ends, and where deliberate deception begins.

The other bird I got with the same stone was, of course, an abnp archives order, which will avoid the necessity for a "sort" process, (which I find can be the thing which tends to drive one to wits end).

Another by product of this whole effort is a 3 by 5 card file which contains a card for each CD for which any pages are available to me, with appropriate notations as to where I have the originals filed; included in this carding system are now much of Paul's material, your master list, my own previous orders, one 300 page clump So gener once loaned me, plus anything that has been published in books.

Once this abnp microfilm comes in, I will really have the feeling that there is not too much pertinent data lying around in the

archives that I do not know about, and wonder about. Two other almost equally large groups of material that I am getting price estimates on are the State Department files; and the inter-staff memos.

I'll let you know as soon as I get more information.

These three items (abnp, state files, and memos) just about exhaust my interest in the archives. The only thing else I'd like to really delve into there I can't without a visit, and that is the secret service reports. As they have no table of contents and indices, you can't do with them what I did with Gemberling.

I look forward to receiving the pages on that list, and I must sign off now.

Best wishes,

David