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Dear Larry,

Thanks for your letter of the 18th. I've seen bits and pieces of the info you provided before, but as far as I know nobody has put it all together so well before. Is it okay if I pass your letter on to the A.I.B. and other interested researchers? (I know Peter Scott has been interested in Reissman, Dombrowski, etc.)

Enclosed are the pages you requested (50MM,500Q). The list of FPCC members mentioned in CE 3119 (26H771) was given to the SS, and to the WC as an attachment to SS 407 in CD 87. A copy is enclosed. (My 'original' is barely legible.) Whoever was compiling these records was paying attention to the most amazing details!

A few years ago, I exchanged several letters with Hugh Murray, who was one of the Tulane left-wing crowd. (He was interviewed by the FBI, along with Harold Alderman.) He told me that they suspected before the assassination that Oswald's operation was "probably a trap." I'm enclosing part of his letter of 4/25/73, and the first 4 pages of an article he had written earlier.

By the way, one of the best researchers, Mark Allen, is now living in N.O. He's rather busy with law school, but might be interested in checking out some local angles.

Your point about Jack Minnis is interesting. I wonder if he was ever asked about Oswald? He did write an important article on the assassination in the New Republic. (I think it was on 12/21/63, and dealt mostly with the physical evidence.) The Washington Post reported on 12/9/77 that when Hoover was sent that article, the FBI reacted very strongly - pointing out that Minnis had contacted the Soviet Embassy in 1958, etc.

The Schweiker Report referred briefly to CIA interest in countering the FPCC (pp. 65-67), but it left the impression that nothing was done which could have been related to Oswald. The Washington Post reported on 11/22/77 that the FBI had an actual COINTELPRO-type operation going against the FPCC. As far as I know, nobody has get gone over those documents very carefully. (Anything referring to New Orleans could be relevant.) **

I can't recall any details, but I have a vague idea that the Dombrowski case was in the news recently - perhaps a damage suit finally getting settled.

** For example, DeBrueys has given the impression that Oswald wasn't of particular interest. But, if (as I suspect) the N.O. office was under pressure to come up with anti-FPCC ideas, there could be a lot he hasn't told us. There is already much reason for suspicion in this area. (The Schweiker Committee, by the way, took testimony from DeBrueys (I think), but neither cited it nor released it.)

By the way, I think I have some report or press release from the Louisiana HUAC buried in my files - relating to the FPCC, or SCEF, and Oswald - which I got from the Library of Congress. Nothing special, as I recall; the kind of propaganda described in FBI item 50MM.

I don't know what to make of all this, but I'm sure your feeling that something odd was going on is justified.

With best regards,

Paul

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