

Telephone call from Jones Harris Wednesday 10 pm 2/8/67

(despite my letter asking that he not call any more)

He called because "we were going to meet in a few days;" when I disclaimed all knowledge of such a meeting, he said that John Berendt had told him a few minutes before that there was to be a payment to Brown and questioning of him by Vince, Berendt, Jones Harris, and maybe Tink Thompson--and, according to Berendt, by me--over the weekend or early next week.

I repeated that I had not been consulted about this, knew nothing about it, and would not participate as I had already been on one such wild-goose chase. JH said he "knew all about that"--apparently then he did receive a full report on "Rita," despite Vince's indications to the contrary. I was definite about not taking part in this and suggested again that I did not believe Brown had anything--that he had turned up and become available for questioning somewhat too propitiously, together with sundry other purveyors of "breakthroughs."

JH apologized humbly several times for telephoning--about as sincerely as his various other missions of ingratiating for the purpose of brain-picking and keeping his finger on the pulse of the critics' activities.