

6/21/69 Something unexpected has just come up that will take me to NYC soon, for maybe only one day. I do not know. This business will take but a single day, but I have a lawyer to whom I have presented some legal problems and he may want to see me. It is not likely to be before Thursday. I write to tell you, not knowing whether there will be time for us to get together, on the chance there is...I regret having to report some of the west-coast people are displaying traits of character I would never have expected. I have been ignoring it save to respond to specific questions when those reached have asked them. Some of it is pretty vile...If you have not been told, it is possible to get a copy of the Zap film from one of them. \$10.00. If you do not know its antecedents, I will tell you. I should have told you this earlier on the chance one of them did not but forgot...If you no longer get the N.O. papers Charlie Ward has resigned to run again Jim. He would please you no more, in many ways less. His statement on resigning is both false and deceptive, for he was very much part of the investigation, is the one who played the pivotal role in Halleck's court, and his

other statements I'd prefer you read for yourself. Open bid for extremist, racist vote. He is involved, perhaps innocently, in a half-million-dollar bonding scandal. I suspect the governor decided he had to appoint a black. I know that at least six months ago Garrison, on his own, had recommended Ward and Oser, when the openings were known. After this bonding business, he could not possibly urge Ward over Oser (aside from which Oser's father was a judge, which means something in N.O.). There are two other candidates of whom I know. Of one I know nothing. The other is a key DJ lawyer in the coverup, first to announce. Ward's position against Garrison, what is not personal, is far right on obscenity, blacks, students and protest. Having claimed to have run the office for six year he can hardly claim it has not prosecuted organized crime. I believe there is as little in NO as in any city its size, probably less, for reasons that may or may not have anything to do with Garrison.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be a stylized 'J' or 'H' with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.