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Dear Jim,

I've taken a hasty glance at the name list from CD355. It would seem to confirm your and Bob's judgement not to get that enormity

The entry Bofenstein, ~~xxxx~~ Lorenzo, would seem to be Larry Borenstein, who was also known as Lorenzo. He sold Ruby a paint, and was immediately fingered for this nothingness of the past by a CIA man who thus managed to escape some scrutiny himself, not doubt a convenience to those who preferred overlooking the International Trade Mart where his magazine had offices his magazine revenues could not support.

James H. Chaney is, presumably, not the disappeared cop, James A Chaney

When someone has a chance, it might be worth checking out Arcie Esquivel, if it has not been done.

The entry on Joe Goulden is probably innocent, but there is always the chance his story, the one the FBI was so anxious not to have, might have found its way into some file by accident.

Ferrin, Nancy Elaine: Rich etc? She figured rather early, then, and under a name that would not likely lead to her.

For those who might wonder, David B. Weisman is not the New Orleans Leonard A. Weisman.

Buddy Walther, for those who might now wonder, has gone to the reward of those police who enter the motel room of naked escape prisoners who are in bed with a woman to whom they are not married and who then allow their pistols to fall into naked hands.

Odd that the late and inimitable William Whaley figures in this file, too. Did he take Ruby for a ride? Sign an affidavit without seeing him, just for his old friend Bill Alexander, or did Ruby have a bracelet or two pairs of pants on?

From these names, the chief question I have is why, once the Ruby case was over, any of CD355 was not declassified, as I was assured everything withheld in fairness to Ruby had been?

In mentioning conveniences, I should have noted that the CIA-er who fingered ~~my~~ Larry for nothing manages to avoid mention. His name is not in the list. This would seem to be an exception to the standard FBI practice. If it is, I can only wonder for what other reason than selling Ruby a \$25.00 product of Pirates'-Alley art ~~xxxx~~ he is associated?

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