

Dear Les,

8/21/79

Thanks for your card. Sorry novels seem to depress a real reporter so!

Understand about sources and contacts and that friendship aside Morgan may still be an important contact/source for Jack.

The FBI is even more Byzantine than the CIA. It used that stuff to lead LBJ to believe that the CIA was involved in the JFK assassination.

The details of what Momo and Phyllis did are of no interest to me but Momo's suspicions are what led to the FBI's knowledge prior to Morgan's telling Drew. It appears to have come about through Maheu, whose boy got caught bugging Phyllis. Maheu had to get his boy off.

The FBI appears to have used the Drew version for its own purpose and be sure in the end, which was at the outset, it convinced LBJ as I say above. I have it.

Drew spoke to Warren, who wanted him to speak to the FBI but for his own reasons Drew wanted to stay away from the FBI. He went to Rowley, via Warren, and Rowley wrote Hoover, who told the AG and the WH. However, because of a hate of Morgan the FBI did not interview him until told to by the WH. I'm not sure how faithfully they reported the interview. I interpret the between-the-lines as Morgan trying to work out an immunity for Rosselli and Cinacian.

LBJ couldn't get enough. Watson kept after DeLoach for more.

I don't recall whether this was before or after Drew paid for an abortion, the record of which the FBI got via a raid by local cops working with the FBI on some civil rights people. I know the woman's husband and am going to meet her for other reasons because I am helping them with a matter of great interest to them. I believe it was after the FBI got this on Drew and he stopped exposing it in return for its not leaking it. They have the woman's records, doctor's bills, etc.

Anyway, through Drew's good intentions and Morgan's leak to him one of the major and lingering assassination mythologies was launched. As you can see the current stuff from the irresponsible committee takes that line. This is my interest.

Morgan had been an FBI inspector. They have a "Do Not Contact" list and all live by it. I've seen a number of references to it. Morgan was on it.

At about the time all of this was going on Jack came back from New Orleans as impressed with Garrison as most people were. He went to the FBI about it and I guess they did not look forward to any columns favorable to Garrison.

I don't get to Washington often enough to try to talk to Morgan and when I'm there it is usually for some FOIA purpose which takes all the time I have. If you ever come to feel that Jack might want to shed any light on this, if he can, and can do it without compromise, I'd like the record to be as clear as possible. If you can't, fine.

Hope working on the novel is not as bleak as you make it seem.

Excuse the typo. I want to get some walking in before it rains again.

Thanks and best,

Dear Hal,

8/19

That's fascinating stuff on the oil and the Nazis (and the British.) I feel very fuddyduddyis here in my cellar with my novel in front of me, and no stories to do (or that I want to do). On the Morgan stuff, I can't help. He's an old friend of Jack and it's like some of my contacts I never ask him anything about them, and Jack never asks me anything about mine. I remember the back-and-forthing about Drew, but there my memory goes flat. I recall some wild yarns about what the FBU spotted P. McG. and Momo doing, but never knew if they were true. I got them from the FBI but they were too lewd to print -- that was many years ago. I suppose the entire post-card reading staff of the FBI, CIA, PO etc. will now be curious, but I'm getting too old and cantankerous to care. Best

*Les*