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Dear Harold,

I just came across something for you to add to your Thornley file: on page 52 of the First National Directory of "Rightist Groups" is listed #2264: "INNOVATOR Box 34718 LA 90034 Cal Pub'n (Institute for Social Progress and Forum for New Ideas)."

But I must inject a note of caution also. The Midlothian Mirror is listed as #2755!

Al just told me that he had given you the address to write for one. If you haven't yet, don't. A referral is necessary, I'm told, to get one. With a name like Weisberg, you may not be able to. If you have sent it in already, it'll be interesting to see if you get one. If not, send me the order blank and money and I'll get it. I can't tell you what name I used because he's an important confidential source.

I'm considering the possibility of writing a series of articles or possibly a book on the paramilitary right neo-Nazis. Ivon told me that the investigation will be slow for about six months until the Supreme Court rules. I can't sit around for that period and it would be a pity to waste my sources. I already have some stuff that no one has ever printed -- e.g. Minuteman training tapes. Unfortunately, they were given to me not to be distributed and I must respect the source.

Which brings to mind - What happened to Norden's Playboy article? And you shouldn't worry about anything -- I fully intend to give credit to any work I use that is anyone else's.

Speaking of credit, while in San Francisco last week, Paul showed me your Coup d'Etat chapter on Drennan. Thank you for the credit for seeing Howard and shepherding him to N.O., but I think that is a miniscule contribution. Credit for making the Liebelier tape is much more important -- the tape is twice or more as important as Howard.

Jim Lawrence just called to deliver your message. Unfortunately, I have not yet received your manuscript, so I can't send it back. Enclosed herein, find a copy of the Epstein interview.

Hall has disconnected his number so there will be a delay in seeing him. I'll let you know how it goes.

What to you make of this?: My dad and I were in Frisco last week for a few days. While in the hotel room, I suggested that we go home by way of the inland route and stop in Modesto to see Rev. Hensley, head of the Universal Life Church. My dad said no, it would be too hot so we'd go the coast route. I made some crack about how easy it is to get minister papers in the ULC and why

don't I infiltrate it. The idea was a joke. I had not previously even thought of it, let alone mention it to anybody. It is possible, though unlikely, that I mentioned something about this to ~~my~~ Hal on the phone.


So I return and the good Rev. Broshears calls Jaffe. He says that he heard that I was planning to infiltrate the ULC and that I was in San Francisco. He called Hensley and told him I was a Commie so that I couldn't.

Broshears claims to be a psychic. I've never believed in that junk. But I hope he is right -- the other alternatives are that my dad or Hal are passing info to the Feds (Broshears is an FBI informant and operative) which is absurd or that the phone and/or hotel room were bugged. Even my presence in S.F. could not be known by anyone here because we decided to go and were in the car within an hour. I told no one.

I've tried my best to refrain from seeing the feds under the bed, but how do I dismiss this?

Hope all is well with you. As soon as school starts (end of Sept) I'll see about getting some \$ for your trip.

Don't work too hard.

Best,

Steven J. Button