

Dear Mike,

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Rod reflected his beliefs about a story accurately to you last evening. They are as he had earlier expressed them to me and as he repeated them at supper to which we went after the conversation. As he saw it the amount of work was prohibitive and he required at the outset inside information. However, he agreed to your suggestion about phoning and said he'd call those you suggested when he gets back to his WATS.

After a pleasant supper I suggested that we go over some of the material you have not seen. Les and Gary sent the pages they have of the IG report. I have been able to do no more than glance at them earlier because we stayed busy discussing a number of possible stories. However, in that brief glimpse it became apparent that the papers have not been touched even by Rowan, to whom when I can I may write again. And I have the one set of Olson papers with which I was familiar.

The combination turned Rod on. We worked until after 2:30, which was rather late for me these days, especially when I generally awaken at 5:30. That is when I got up this morning to be sure Rod made his train. He crashed here instead of staying at a motel when I invited him to at dinner.

Rereading what the Olson records contain from Ruset and Schwab does support your opinion that they should be spoken to and for those days did stand up well. Rod agreed after reading them. He ~~has~~ also read Gary's column re Gunn.

I loaned Rod the IG file because there was much in it that interested him and suggested a handle, the CIA turning over its drug work to the agency supposed to be the one to control and prohibit such things. I suggested use of the Conein connection and explained it to him.

Rod will read the IG papers with care and then return them. After I read them I'll lend them to you. Most are not suitable for copying because they are poor copies of a remote generation.

Remember, I've not read them at all. I've glanced at some only. However, it is complete proof of what you have been saying as far as it goes. It is also more, saying much that you have not. For example, the uses of foundations and fronts and colleges, with the first two at least supposedly banned in 1967. The names are masked, of course. The distinction between investigation and operational in MKULTRA and MKDELTA is explicit. The heaviest masking is reserved for PROJECT ARTICHOKE, next for BLUEBIRD.

I'm tired and will be taking a nap now that the mail has just come.

It includes the Rodovsky package, either a replacement or because they failed to mail it earlier. It is a shambles, although it was in one of the fluffy bags. The post office rewrapped it in plastic. I have removed the plastic and left the rest outside where a gentle breeze with waft away the fluff that is a nuisance in the house. Later I'll open the rest of the package and then bring it in. I haven't made up my mind but I think I'll send you one set and later have a check made between the other set and the set I got from CIA. If it turns out that I got from CIA what Rodovsky did not send I'll copy that and send it to you.

It would be helpful to any use I can make if you would write an analysis/commentary and any suggestions for following up. If Rod can't do anything with his paper I have other and very worthwhile possibilities and you may change your mind about the Anderson column. Please also do this when I send the IG report pages. I'll read them as soon as Rod returns them and send them to you immediately. Feel free to copy any you want copies. If this is a bother to you given some time I can have them done in Washington for about 7-8¢ a page. If I have it done commercially here it will cost 13-14¢, probably as much as there. But if you think they'll copy and want to make a copy there for yourself by all means do. (Some of the marks were added by Rod. These are those you should be able to identify as not prior to copying. I do not know if the earlier ones were made by Gary or not.)

Because there is virtually no declassification and extensive masking my hunch is that they came from Congress. Keep your spirits up, help as much as you feel you can, trust Rod and anyone else I ask you to as much as you can, and this can work out. Best,

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After a hasty look at the Rudovsky papers and finding they have a list I could read, I've decided to send these to you immediately. It appears to be identical with what the CIA gave me, perhaps clearer. I also phoned Rod's editor to see if I should send the other copy to them. He wants it. He seems interested. This, however, does not mean that Pope will be. Rod always thinks of the last decision.

This set is for you. I bought them for you to keep.

I'll be sending it forth class, special handling to speed it while keeping the cost down.

I never got around to giving Rod your address but he has the phone and now knows the rest of your name. I did not identify you by name to his editor but thought I'd promote his interest by telling him that Rod would be telling him that I had introduced him to a source whose words have been more than amply substantiated by the IG papers. (The Olson papers have mention of Bluebird and Artichoke.)

Ruwet is listed locally in the current phone book. I believe that at some point Rod or both of us will speak to him. Or try.

Look forward to hearing from you after you read this. And to whether you can with reasonable confidence fill in blanks. If you do please send me duplicates so I can forward to Rod with any comments of my own. Best,