

Dear Jim,

2/3/55

I've read the file of Christian David court records and it certainly is apparent that 1) France wants him urgently and 2) the US is that anxious to be rid of him. The bending of breaking of laws is exceptional on both sides. And if Bud ~~is~~ is to do anything for his client this is what must be exploited, plus his client's character. Assassin is news when news isn't news. Moreover, the position of the French government through the ambassador is a point of embarrassment for it if attention can be drawn to their position and untrue statements made indirectly to the courts in these records.

For use with the press Bud's excellent 11/9/85 is enough unless anyone asks for more.

One of the letters refers to Post reporter John Randal. Since he has that much knowledge he would be a good one to try to reach.

U.S. Marshal has only the single "L".

A rather decent man named Martin Phillips used to be a producer for Mike Wallace, and they did the effective show on the wrongful sentencing and jailing of the black man in Dallas. He might be a good person to call. If you do, tell him I suggested it. Maybe after doing a show on injustice to an innocent man they might be interested in how the system of justice can be corrupted and outorted to get an assassin killed "legally." If they get interested and ask questions David may have some insurance. This would be to a degree true of any press inquiries.

If anyone speaks to Bud, you or others, I think that given David's past it would be better to respond in questions, what great interest does the United States have in this man that it would so violate law to get him in the hands of the French, where murders are not uncommon in such cases? What is France's real purpose in violating its own law? What is Brazil silent over violation of the treaty obligations of the other countries and why did it participate in the illegal turning over of David to the U.S. in the days of its military dictatorship?

Why do the United States and French governments so much want this man's mouth closed - and that is all that has been accomplished by returning him to France.

And why did they have to beat him up when he had been in continuous custody more than a decade?

Do not overlook right-wing reporters.

It seems clear from the court papers that either the courts were spoken to ex parte by the government or perceive the intense political interest in getting him out of the country and went along with it.

Hurriedly,