

Paul and Gary re Davison 1/11/69 HW

A former Atlanta reporter was here Saturday. I asked him by phone today if he could get what the morgues of the Atlanta papers have and his answer was not unequivocal. He said he left those papers because they were so crummy, and his relations are not good. The same is true for a friend of his covering that territory for his present paper. However, if he'll go through the motions and ask the area men, it is always possible that one still has a friend at either or both papers who would do this. The advantage is not just the great saving in time. There may well be other strokes such as after his return from Moscow, having been in the news, or a feature on how it feels to be called a spy, or something on his education and training. I think before we try and find time to spend in the library on what might be a very time-consuming search that then could not be complete, it is better to try this way.

He'll be up again soon, I expect about weekend after next, and I'll hand him the memo and see what happens.

When I saw the McCluney in the obits, I couldn't help but wonder, wistfully, that it was a typo for ~~Mc~~ McLaney.

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Dear Paul,

This memo, after our phone conversation today, is intended to remind me as much as inform you. I'll give it to you when you are here.

What I would like to get from the morgues of the Atlanta papers is everything they have on Dr. Aleksei Davison, of whom I spoke to you Saturday. Were it possible for me to spend the time at the Library of Congress and check the key dates as I know them, I might still miss a significant feature of story not keyed to the major events of interest to me.

If Galvan has a relationship with either or both librarians that would enable him to ask for xeroxes of what they have, it could be valuable. In turn, I promise you that when we have this all wrapped up and in context, it will be given to you. It is a small part of a larger story a small part of which I told you.

Father (Hal McCluney Davison, famous doctor, died 4/27/68) last address 2888 Habersham Rd. Second son Peter, Captain, USAF. Aleksei not in Atlanta practice on last report. Mother white Russian refugee world war I. Both parents in Liberian expeditionary force, later Red Cross.

I realize from what you said this might be impossible, but if you'd ask Galvan when you can, on the chance he has a personal friend at either place, I would appreciate it.

Many thanks,