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Dear Paul, *Rathermel*

Relet 10: I met no Morgan then. It was in 1968, right after the election.

As I recall it the only one you introduced me to was Currington. We then were down awaiting your car, as he was waiting for his.

After I sent you what I did on 2/3 I came across another record. My scrawl at the bottom says it was a separate FBI filing. I forgot to mail it. I don't now recall if it was in a different file or at a separate point in the same file.

This one reports personal contact with me.

I'm not sure of the initials but I believe they may be of a Long who I think was then in Domestic Intelligence.

The marginal marks are consistent with those of the founding father.

I do not now have time to go over all these records. What I've been doing is reviewing a small fraction of those in which others expressed interest. There may be quite a bit more that I have not come to. Those I sent you were called to my attention by a reporter. Another reporter has told me of at least one other section with records relating to me but I've not taken time to look for it.

The House assassins committee is irresponsible in its best moments and efforts. I don't know whether they'll get the \$2,500,000 they've asked for. The Washington papers did not report that or that they had filed a report. I have nothing to do with the committee.

I hear that others who are going over these files have developed an interest in Will Hayden Riffin but I lack details.

At a press conference in Los Angeles last week Mark Lane produced a retired agent named Swearingen, newest member of the Hustler "investigative team." Even if he is disillusioned with the FBI after sweating out 25 years in it I find myself wondering about an agent who has his retirement and would align himself with Lane. Know anything about him? I think he claimed not to have been involved in the JFK work.

I know Flynt tried to pull some kind of stunt with Henry Wade and gave him some workup of what was represented as fact. But I know no more except that it appears Henry was not about to be conned. I'm sure that whatever that bunch put on paper tried hard to avoid being contaminated by reality. I'd like to see it and put it aside for the archives I'm depositing if you come across a copy.

Sincerely,

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Dear Harold:

My thanks for your letter of February 3, 1978 enclosing the SAC letter from Dallas to the director of the FBI. I think you are correct in your statement that someone in the FBI doesn't like me. I suspect there are many.

Do you recall when you came to Dallas to see me in late 1968 or early 1969 whether or not you met my assistant who was formerly with the Bureau? I cannot recall if you did or not. It could have been Billy Morgan or Bob Morgan (no relation).

I see where the committee to investigate the assassination is asking for 2.5 million more.

Best regards,



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