

Dear Larry,

12/30/72

Bugs, "Om Ameche (are you too young for this gasser?) and human beings as rural carriers got me great service today, hand-delivery of your 12/28 with the very welcome, with bugs, The Plot to "kill the Resident. I think I'd ask you to send, since you said you had been kind enough to get it for me, in what I handed the carrier when he drove all the way in to delivery the mail and a fresh supply of stamps because I was all out. I called and got this special service. Great, huh?

There was also the enclosed letter from Rife. Please be careful not to get him in trouble, but I think there is a story, especially for a Chicago paper, if putting whites in cells with blacks is being used by the feds as punishment. Quite independent of this I got the same story from John, was was holed for almost two months for refusing after he disarmed a black when put in an overcrowded cell in which he was the only white. With his known racist views and the crime with which his brother is charged? A knife.

Here the blacks more than the whites should be resentful. It should if developed, sell lots of papers. If it can be proven, it is one on which Kleindienst can't win. The racist white will hate and so will the anti-racists, black and white.

(Rife's ref to Jerry's very bad environment; he is living with and on J.B. Stoner, whose chauffeur/bodyguard he is or at least was. In Marietta, Ga. Stoner is more anti-Demetic than anti-black.)

I've sent a copy of your letter to the reporter friend I've mentioned, the one interested in The Peking Man. Glad O'Conner is so receptive. I've sent you more of my trying to dope things out with inadequate raw material.

I figured Michele Clark made much more, but to make the point I was an ultra. I've since commented on the size of the suits already filed. Here, rather than with FAA, may there be some hope.

There is the lingering puzzle on the stalling, ref to graph quoting pilot. I believe this plane was in line for landing, below 500', and see no need for gunning engines past the point where any pilot would have known they'd stall him. If as you said the gear there is not like the impressive things I've lived through at O'hare, all this guy had to do is not go lower too fast. If he didn't go lower he couldn't land, could he? So, unless contrary to all reports he'd lost all his power, I still can't figure the need to overload his engines. The accounts, if dependable and complete enough, do not show partial failure, like one engine. It may in fact be simple, but not to me as reported.

Sherman is always crazy, this louses up the good, on which he could have a local monopoly. If the pipeline guys had papers telling all, what happened to them? or did he make this up so he could say see, they burned? Even is the money didn't. From your account, too, any connection by her is at least a little fuzzy! I haven't seen the second CJR piece on him, but don't go to lots of trouble. By the way, as a lawyer Mitchell's firm had big pipeline accounts. Don't tell Sherman, but it included Tennessee, and Mack Anderson wrote about long ago.

Tiring again. Many thanks for the sent and the promised. You outline right approach on Rife. I think it is more: why didn't the State extradict within the statutory 120 days? If he has trouble getting a copy of the affidavit of confession to you, I have a copy. and don't forget we may know where the pieces of hacksaw blades are hidden in that cell from which he was led after goofing the attempt to make it look like an escape and who took pix, if he kept them, showing no man could go through the too-small hole in the bars.

This story about the Jones story, by the way, is not 100% consistent with Jerry's. Rife probably got from John.

I didn't stop to do the thinking Rand didn't do! Bu I've got several Snms.

Thanks,

Dec. 28, 1972

Dear Harold:

I've just read your long resume on the Hunt thing as related to Chicago and will try to mull it over and provide more complete answers to questions. The people here have cooled off a bit on the whole Watergate plane crash business. Rooney went on vacation right after the whole thing. I fed him some of the suggestions you fed me and he pretended they were his, so the whole thing worked well. O'Conner is a rewriter, never leaves the office, but can do miracles with a telephone.

The bills were in wrappers, as far as I can determine, but they were unstamped. I've picked up packets of bills and they usually have bank's own rubber stamp. We might be able to revise the whole via FAA investigation or law suits. Michele Clark probably made more than \$25 Gs. The on the air guys on local stations make between than and \$30 or \$35 depending on their ratings, etc.

Crazy Sherman is claiming that the whole thing was a set-up job to get rid of (ready yourself for this!) Mrs. Hunt, Ms. Clark and two officials of a pipeline company. He says the whole thing is a Teapot Dome type scandal which is brewing, involving pay-offs of officials up to Mitchell for construction of pipeline. Plot includes murder of local officials. There is a germ of truth in this. There were federal indictments of minor locals on pipeline bribery. One committed suicide. They were Justice Department indicts. Says the pipeline guys (who were aboard) had papers telling all. Mrs. Hunt's connection is a little fuzzy. The Chicago Journalism Review did a second piece on Skolnik ripping him up for his theory that everyone except you and I is a part of the conspiracy, and I'm not so sure about you.

He also ties in Reuther and his bad altimeter. Re: Midway flights. They come in quite low, low enough to crack plaster in walls of houses underneath. The best explanation I have had was from a pilot who said the pilot realized he was too low and stalled when trying to pull up. Certainly not the type of thing a good pilot would do, granted. But possible. I'll check back through the accounts to see if there were cross-verifications on the explosion in the air thing. (I have a signed letter from the crash, by the way.) Our Xerox is broken today, or you would have more goodies.

I got a letter from our friend in jail (Quincey) asking for publicity. He said if interested he would send a report on his arrests etc. I said okay. If the injustices here are gross enough there is a slim chance of interesting people here on basis of a "wronged=man" story, staying away from Ray angle till I get them interested.

I'll try to remember to wrap and address the carbon sets tonight. I'M far from a post office and keep putting it off. More stuff when the Xerox is fixed. (Did you ever stop to think what an 8 mm camera positioned inside a xerox could do to increase security in the Rand Corp?)

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