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Dear Jim,

Because Jim Alcock told me you plan to call Liebeler as a witness in the Andrews trial I have made a copy of a tape I have of his chattering at a May 2, 1967 informal public coffee clatch on the UCLA campus. You will find almost all of this relates to the New Orleans aspects of the case.

When I got this tape, I did not, as I then could have, add any of it to my New Orleans book because I plan certain special uses for parts of it that I find quite exciting. Also, he lies, smoothly but repeatedly. For my purposes, this is an important tape. However, if there is anything in it you need for your Andrews trial, I want you to have it. Would I love to have Liebeler on the stand and be able to question him about this tape!

So, please do not make any public or private use of any of its contents that are not required in your court case against Andrews. There may be other parts you may want to use in other cases. If so, when that time comes, fine. I want to be able to use it, fresh and in my own way.

Some of the things that interest me may be simple mistakes. Like his statement that Ferrie gave the FBI an affidavit. There is none in the files. Others cannot be, like his statement he worked from file cards on his part of the New Orleans case. These are not available in the Archives, to the best of my knowledge. I am excited by his statement that what is released from the files is a political decision the Archivist and his assistants are not competent to make. On the one hand he says Andrews' testimony was not credited because it cannot stand by itself and then acknowledges it was a mistake not to call Zelden. His excuse here is quite flimsy. His statement that the Secret Service tried to find Bertrand while the FBI did is not consistent with my recollection of the files. I recall nothing that indicates any real SS effort. And how nice it is to know they knew Ferrie was engaged in anti-Castro activities!

There are many other things you and Jim will readily spot. However, please try and not use what is not essential so that, in what I regard as the proper time and place, I can.

My source on this is Bill O'Connell, 4175 Stansbury Ave., Sherman Oaks, Calif. I shall phone him later today and ask him to send you his original, from which you can make copies and which, if it is the original, you will know is that. If someone else made the tape, and it is possible Steve Burton did, I will still ask that the original be sent you as fast as possible.

I had a long talk with Huston yesterday. It is optimistic to say I really accomplished something, but I think it is got optimistic to suggest that this and my letters may make a difference. He is to get in touch with me after talking to Freear. I have encouraged him as my previous letter says...I also checked with Playboy (Milk Lawrence) who tells me the man representing himself as from Playboy to Castorr is not.

Good luck in the Andrews case.

Sincerely,