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Dear Lou,

Within the past week Evans and Novak had a column on a Texas graft case I think you should have in the files for your coming defense. I presume your lawyers noted it but knowing how easy it is to miss the obvious, this note and the word that I have kept it should you not have it and later want it. I have a separate file of miscellaneous clippings and notes on Jim's arrest. It will be there.

Briefly, it recounts how when they had an airtight criminal case they made a deal with the guilty for him to talk in return for immunity, involving a smear against the top Texas candidate for governor. By means of this they have made major inroads into Texas, where the Republicans/administration were in bad shape and may have captured the State in the next election. The guilty? Immunity-he's free. The candidate for governor? They never had a case on him, they just tried to ruin him with the publicity.

Evans and Novak are pro-administration, as columnists go. And also involved in a shadow in the background is Will Wilson, chief of the DJ Criminal Division, who had been a lawyer for the guy.

HW

What follows I would like to be between the two of us only. While there is no emergency, I'd appreciate answers as soon as possible. This is not for reasons you have any basis for understanding, but I'll tell you when I see you. If this first part goes into your files, please separate and not file beginning with this paragraph.

If there anything special you know about the Candelight Inn, 1801 Airline or its ownership, and criminal or mob connections or uses?

What I'd like to know as soon as possible is anything you can tell me of these two things: the address 1808 Carondelet and the phone number (I'm not sure of the last number; 523-5787? I'd appreciate a check of all the numbers beginning with the first 6, for the 1967-8 period in both cases.

A series of places will follow. I'm depending on unfamiliar handwriting so there may be some misspellings I hope you can dope out.

Joseph at Chestnut
Polyania and Frytania
Esperixl 1 1/2 blocks of N. Caliborne Ave
Carondelet and St. Joseph
W(est?) of Carrel
St. Charles (sic) between Toulouse and St. Peter
"Between Bourbon and St. Charles Ave on St. Charles"
West edge of Greenwood Cemetery on Canal Blvd.

I presume these are places set up for meetings with a man not familiar with N.O. I do not know if they were selected for proximity to the person or persons with whom he was to meet, to avoid detection or why they were selected. Some would seem to involve a careless reading of a map. But is there any pattern you can see, like do they cluster, are the close to convenient places certain criminal elements might ordinarily be, if so, who? Clearly, they were not selected for proximity with the temporary residence of the man I believe had meetings there. Interpreting two of the apparent errors might make it not difficult for a stranger in the city to walk to from this temporary residence.

Best,