

12/30/71

Dear #ou,

Your note of the 27th and the enclose dope on the Steins is very helpful. Because I know how busy you have remained, I appreciate it even more.

On the Steins, this stuff fits so well, I'd like to ask for a bit more that I think you won't have to do yourself but can have one of the investigators do when he has occasion to consult those files. Charlie in particular. He seems to have no convictions, but the nature and frequency of the charges against him would seem to a non-police analyst (like me) to indicate that the police did have some pretty strong suspicions about him and his connections. I am assuming that there are files that back up the listings on these raps sheets. They may contain very valuable clues, especially in names and possible connections, real or suspected.

I didn't have time to look Marie up, and Moo's statement that she just wouldn't talk also discouraged it. Ray knew her in LA, and the story they give and the one he gives don't jibe. (I have found him to be pretty honest, including when it was against his immediate interest, so I'm inclined to believe him.) Ray had either knowledge or suspicion of Charlie's connections with drugs. He mentioned pills to me.

Anyway, if you could have someone, when there is time, pursue the cases on the rap sheets further, I'd appreciate it. I think it may be worth the time for the HOPD, for Spako was interested in what I told him and he and Wheeler both told me that what I have is not inconsistent with some new things they've developed, H.O. angles that fit what I have, leads on hard stuff to H.O. not through the port but from Canada.

Looking forward to getting whatever you can have on Davis.

One thing I forgot perhaps you can have somebody do for me, please. I forgot to copy the city directory page for the 1200 block of Royal St. for 1968. I was copying the pages I wanted the day of the second hearing on the State case vs. Jim et al, and went up to the courtroom and forgot this in the confusion. Ben Smith has sent me nothing on that, so if there is anything you have and somebody can find time to copy it, I'd welcome it. I've not yet gotten a copy of the federal indictment so I've sent you no comments on it. Neither Jim nor lawyers generally ever listen to me, but I strongly encourage the lawyers in the federal case to make a study of the Republican administration's efforts to get Democrats, of whom Jim is one. There are many cases. My files are not complete, but I do have some of the cases. From my reading of what appeared in the papers, it is not inconsistent with what I'd suggested. One of the tips I picked up when I was there from what to you is "the other side" is that the feds were considering indicting Louis LeGueur....Guy Johnson considers it close to impossible that Boasberg will be one to turn state's evidence in this case. Remember, I told you I had learned the feds had let it be known to a few reporters that they'd have somebody besides Pershing.

We did have a quiet Xmas, thanks, but will have a steady influx of guests beginning today and extending for a month. Hope you all have a good year. Again, thanks.

Sincerely,

From the Desk of  
LOUIS IVON

Date 12/27/71  
To Harold Weisberg

Dear Hal,

I know I'm a little late but you saw what goes on down here.

Here is a copy of Charles Steir's rap sheet - there is no photo on him. Also a photo + rap sheet on Marie Steir

There is no record on Claude Coakrell, Cal or Carl Bishop, Johnny Bishop, Johnny Mc Namara, Frank Libertas.

I'm trying to gather some info on Lou Davis for you - it will take some time.

Hope you & your family enjoyed your Christmas & will enjoy New Year - you ought to take a few days off from your work & relax

Love