

I did not bother to make a copy of Lifton's letter for you. It appears to be Vinatage Lifton, a little butter and a shallow device. He dated it the day he spoke to you but wrote and mailed it a week or so later. By then Hoch should have received my letter. With his history when Lifton writes me a kind or friendly letter it is time for the guard to go up.

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to JL

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As long as you've cautioned me about some people, let me put someone on your "people to be wary of" list. That's Dave Lifton. He has been very mean to some friends of mine, plus vowing to get Garrison any way he can. I don't know how you feel about Jim Garrison, however, I'm not going to cooperate with anyone who intends to damage the trial in New Orleans.

I'll say that in front! Jim's all we've got...and god help us if Jim is destroyed.

Yeah, I'm biased! Okay, very well, I'm biased. Everyone has their hero - Jim's mine. If you can think of a better one, let me know.

One other thing about Turner. Sometime ago, I had grave doubts about Jim Rose, or Jim Rodes, or Vince Rose and took some stuff over to Maggie Field to talk to her about him. She also felt queezy about Rose.

Well, about two weeks later, I got a call from Turner (he's never called me before) and Bill wanted to know what I knew about Rose. I told him, it wasn't much. He then spent what I thought was an inordinate amount of time convincing me that Rose was okay. It seemed strange to me at the time...like, Bill was worried about what I thought about Rose. What the hell should he care, anyway? Who am I?

Anyway, thanks again for the prompt reply and will be in touch with you soon.

Sincerely,



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P.S. Saw the Dick Cabbot Show on NBC-TV at 11 a.m. (approximately, our time) and Dick had an interview with Mort Sahl. Mort gave some new information from New Orleans about a guy who appeared on NBC show last year (the show that attacked Garrison) with Frank McGee as moderator. Anyway, Mort said one of the witnesses on that show Fred Lemans gave Garrison a deposition that he had lied on the NBC show. He lied because of government pressure from the IRS. That was good news, but you can imagine my surprise when I saw that Mort was edited, in at least two places, in the TV tape. Big brother has finally arrived.