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Dear Les,

After reading the APs story on the indictment of Stoner in the W xPost I phoned. You were not in. I spoke to ^an, who left it that if they wanted more they'd call back. So they wanted no mpre. Perhaps you can get a magpiece out of the Stoner deoffense.

I'm sure I went ~~ik~~ into this with you relating to your conversation with him. The business provides a view of the FBI as unchanged.

I told the Internal Security people in 1969, when Stoner first told me, that he claimed their finks had tried to set him up. Instead of an interest them, to short a long story, it was twisted into me and him conniving to defame the FBI.

Stoner told the same story on TV in 1972, on a black show in St. Louis on which I was with him, the only time I've ever seen him

I know his source of knowledge that those he says made offers of the kind ~~straffax~~ in the story. It was Al Lingo, who had been given FBI records showing they were FBI finks.

If Stoner is guilty, and I do have some trouble believing he'd do such things himself, this may be enough to acquit if he can establish it.

Were he to subpoena me, a development I would not look forward to with joy, I'd have to tell the truth and I'd have to testify under the circumstances that the DJ lied about this and what I said in the internal records I have. With this, not wanting to be part of Stoner's defense, I do not want to go public now.

The enclosures have to do with other finking and relate to what some of your Invader sources told you. They, or some of them, did suspect the man. But despite it both the man and this one were permitted to remain in. Thus the great Invaders successes.

I'm leaving for a speech near Madison, Wisc. in the morning. From there I'm going to LA and from there to Seattle, whence home a week from Friday, 10/7, about a little after supper, depending on the time I spend in D.C. if I go there from Dulles. If you want to reach me Jim and Lil both know where and when and how.

As you know I can't copy all the records but one that may interest you is that the Johnson Pub. Co was using as its Memphis contact an informant.

I do not recommend the phoney liberal as a good or dependable source but some years ago George McMillan looked into those bombings. He did a piece for the old Saturday Evening Post. His richbitch wife, Friscilla, has places in Cogmore, S.C. and where she is more likely to be, Cambridge. She teaches at Harvard. And there is always Harper & Row with her book, Marina and Lee, about to appear.

Best,