

JL- With as much as we now know about the O'Toole operation, too little as it is, I think a little precautionary thinking backward may be worth the time. I've elsewhere indicated reasons for asking questions and having new doubts and wondering about what may be no more than coincidence.

Do you know if he is with Dektor?

What I really have in mind is the history of this: how it got started, whose idea it was and what may have meaning, when it first got started and when it first took definite form.

My recollection is that the first time you spoke to me Bud had moved from 15th St but you and Bob were there. I recall exactly where we were when I gave you my answer to the question you asked about it: "What are we doing having any association with a device of the police state?" We were just about to cross Vermont from the west side to the east, returning to your office. Think but not certain north side of Eye rather than south side of K. Probably returning from Bud's then office.

As the potential of this very narrow kind of approach becomes more apparent to me other things come to mind. Example: why has O'Toole always managed not to have anything to do with me - meet me or see what he could learn from me? Do I have any tapes he does not? (I do.) Voices he does not on tape? (Again I'm certain I do.) Comparison tapes he does not? (Ditto.)

It isn't possible this would not occur to him. So, why? Why would he not want even to know? I think he'd want to have. At least access. His disinterest, especially with his background, is much too atypical. Bud and whatever he can have said can't explain this alone. And there remain other things to be explained and more than I'm certain will suggest themselves as what is pretty clearly going to be major attention unfolds. I'll be interested in every word O'Toole and company say. One immediate certainty is that this can't hurt and can help The Company. Another is

the unusual media oversight in not recalling the Dektor/Nixon history.