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Mr. Harold Weisberg  
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Dear Harold,

I came across something that interested me the other day as I was rereading the Garrison Playboy interview. In it he mentions the fact that Richard Sprague is in possession of film which shows the police holding up a weapon outside the building which is supposed to be the murder weapon. However, this weapon does not have a scope. I would like to see a comparison of that weapon and the one which appears in the stills I sent you. I am referring to the one the man is carrying which you identified as a pump gun. I am attempting to contact Sprague on this but if I don't succeed, I thought perhaps you might be in a position to furnish me with the pictures.

I also found another part of that article intriguing on second appraisal. If you recall the section where Garrison is speaking of Novel, you see that he mentions the fact that Novel agreed to talk about many subjects other than the assassination. One of those subjects involved 10 Canadian Vampire jets he worked a deal with. My memory of the Moore book on Youngblood is dim, and my last copy was sent to you, but if I am not mistaken, he speaks of such a deal in that book involving a character he calls Hansford I believe. I may be wrong but at any rate I do recall something of that nature. Could you check it in the book?

I would like to talk to Novel in a purely journalistic sense. Do you have a location on him in Ohio? My proximity to that state would make it quite easy for me. Is it possible or most of all..wise?

I am awaiting an answer to my note to Mrs. Rich regarding a meeting. I phrased it in such a way that I am confident she will accept. If so, I would like very much for you to go with me.

As I mentioned on the phone, I am moving to LA the first of the month as I have several writing assignments there in the movie industry. I would appreciate your putting me in touch with the right people there so that I may continue to try to be of assistance. As a matter of fact, I believe I would very much like to join Garrison's staff and work in a much more effective manner. At any rate, I hope the above developments develop and all goes well for you in your endeavors.

P.S.

Best,

I have excellent contacts in the Latin community of L.A. both through the Latin press (La Opinión) and the TV station KMEX. This would probably be helpful.

Joel

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Dear Joel,

Hust returned from N.O. bushed and farthur behind and with a tremendous amount of new work to do, so I respond in haste. When you move, let me know in advance and with new address. In LA, get in touch with Steve Burton, Citizens' Committee of Inquiry, Box 150, 308 Westwood Plaza.

The weapons outside the building may be wto: from the ECA film and still of the C-2768 beging carried off and from ABS, which was without sight and, as I recall wast Sprague said, not that same rifle but one used to illustrate.

It is not the same as the one from Alyea.

Talking to Noval is a waste of time. I cannot possibly reresd Youngblood. As soon as I catch up I'll r turn copy to you. But I seem to recall as you do. Do not talk to Noval at all. Very unwise.

Althou:h Bob Scottz does not dare do anything noew, he and/or an associate to whom I spoke 4 a.m. Saturday a.m. from N.O. appear to have either located her or to have her approximate address (Quincy). From you? They'll try and think of alternatives. Too soon to talk to her until we have pictures, etc.

Your Latin connections will be of use when you get there.

Hurrie ly,