8/14/69

Dear Bud,

Relet 12, draft Mitchell, T-P story on JG continuing, I'd spotted that and passed on to Gary, possibly Paul. As I had told you, his word is worthless.

Mitchell: in addition to what I told sec. today, I'd asked for access to Halleck-hearing transcripts (no response), for copies one of Ferrie documents (I have copy-they withheld-it cannot be under guidelines-you have in Vinson file), I asked Hoover for spectro (no response), press release 11/24 or 25/66 (no response this is the one disclosing he had advance knowledge contents WWII and it was published in full NYTimes). I leave these things up to you, but I do encourage reference in making record and inclusion Ferrie doc so we can show in court what they suppress, for this is only to hide lies in other docs and hide their embarrassment. If you have reasons for prefering not to, use as is.

Sorry I didn't get to see Hill. You can depend on JER lying. He dare not tell truth (if he is capable) for he cannot survive it. He must know he cannot trust the guys he has now. He may know of their involvement, may know of their similar interests if he does not suspect their involvement. He has to worry not about those he tells but who they'll tell....My correspondence has yielded a bit more on the writer and the last lawyer. I've written Stoner. Next move theirs.

JER remembers everything. Whe he says he can't, that is touchy to him.

Strater name familiar to me also. Why not pass to Gary, Paul. Whose nervous informant is he? Where in LA? N.O.? With whom? Where does he live, if you know.

I'd like copy Bow St. Court clerk. It is false. Michael Eugene has them and has acknowledged it to persons I asked to ask him. And these same papers were sent to Memphis.

I'm told by someone who should know Foreman has JER letter also refusing the request he write asking deal. I'll show you when you are here again. Foreman then kept after him. Is he within rights in asking for copy of every letter he signed? I presume he had no carbon paper. I'm told he wrote that on a piece he had around. If so, I'll suggesttto mt correppondent.

Hastily,

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Dear Harold:

Enclosed is a draft to the Attorney General. It has gone through several draftings and I want you to approve this last one before sending it to the Attorney General.

I had a visit from Robert Hill yesterday. I got the distinct impression that James Earl Ray is continuing to lie to his present counsel as he has done with the past counsel. Although I did not reveal your identification, I told Hill I had seen the contractual arrangement between Ray, Huie, and several lawyers. Of course, he has certain of these papers, but you might wish to assist him by supplying copies of the whole set.

My own opinion on that is he will have to go to the U. S. Supreme Court to get a new trial for Ray; however, the matter is now on cert. to the Supreme Court of Tennessee, there is no prospective date of decision.

I have made an appropriate inquiry concerning the disbarment proceedings in Texas.

One thing Ray insists on is interesting; he returned to England on May 17; however, he "can't remember" where he stayed between May 17 and May 25.

Another interesting thing concerns a nervous informant named Strater. I am certain you have heard of or from him. On the surface, he seems and sounds like a psychopathic liar. The only interesting thing is that he, like Lee Odum, was in the business of trying to legitimatize bullfighting in Louisiana.

Strange coincidence.

Please send the draft to the Attorney General back with suggested changes.

Sincerely,

Bud

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