Dear Peggy, 5/16/90

Hasty response to your interesting and informative 5/14 because the next couple of days will be tiring and may lead to demands on my time.

It is my recollection that you are correct in believing that Richmond Harper flew de M on the beginning of his Mexican walking trip to Guatemala but I do not know what made me believe this. Perhaps it is in the Commission's testimony. Did I not mention this in what I wrote you? I've always believed it but now am not certain about my source. Maybe de M's own testimony. I think this is it.

I have a small file on Richmond Harper, copies enflosed. Some of these were notes on scraps of paper. I've made an extra copy of one to make it clearer.

I'm not certain but believe that the handwritten note to me of Jan 3, 1973, was by a young man named Jim Schmitt, My response is dated 1/8. If I am correct in this identification then it would be a good idea to ask Paul Hoch for anything he may have. If you've not been in touch with him he is at 1525 Acton St., Berkeley, CA 94702. He and Jim were good friends and worked together. Jim killed himself.

I did not follow the smuggling case in the Times clipping.

From these scraps my interest was before the smuggling arrests.

I'm sure it had to do with de M and my belief that his trip started with the airplane ride.

I don't remember whether you have the Commission's hearings or not. De M's testimony is in 9, beginning on 166. I've checked it and on 213 de M says it:

"We started off at the first 200 kilometers - Tito took us in a plane to cross the first range, a very difficult range, and the rest of the trip was made on foot, all the way to the Panama Canal."

Mary Ferrell may have more on this. I ~~must~~ mention her in the enclosures.

I've heard nothing more about the Galveston seminar. I'll be pleasantly surpriaed if there was anything substantial and relevant.

Best,

Harold

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Dear Harold,

Your two letters and the copying bill arrived today. Enclosed is a check for $170.75 for the copying/UPS charges. I am, indeed, grateful to you!

Thank you so much for J. Walton Moore's correct address and phone number as per your Dallas '63 phone book.... all seem to agree with what is in George's address book. My guess is that 1614 is/was the room/suite number of Moore's office.

I have not yet arrived at a precise year in which the address book was originally typed, though I have come up with an approximate time-frame:

1) George H.W. Bush (Poppy) is typed in at an address in Midland, Texas. Bush purchased this piece of property in November 1951. The next piece of property which Bush bought, in Midland, was purchased in December 1955. I do not know when he moved there.

2) Joe Gould, ICA is a typed entry. The first time that ICA

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appears in the State Department's Foreign Service List is in their October 1955 edition. ICA became AID in 1962. prior "ICA" history is: ECA, 1948-52; MSA, 1952-53; FOA, 1953-55.

3) "Lyndon J" is hand-written... with a phone number that, today, rings into some Senator's office. Thus, the typed entries pre-date 11/60, when LBJ became VP.

4) at the George Bush entry, there is a typed notation, "Zapata Petroleum"; Bush did not found this company until 1953.

From all of the above, I would deduce that the typed addresses were entered some time in 1955.... but if Bush did not move to the property which he bought in 12/55, until 1956, then that, too, is a possibility. I do know that the (Bush) property which Geo. Bush bought in Nov. 1951 changed hands on 8/31/56.

As far as where George ~~W~~ lived at the time that the address book was compiled... that is difficult to determine, as the address entries he lists, for himself, are hand-written:

1) 6620 Thackery, Dallas
this address is crossed out & the one which replace it is superimposed on the first, & is therefore, not legible; if I figure it out, I'll let you know.

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George's friend at Eagle Pass is/was "Tito" Harper (H.L. Harper). The Harper family had holdings in both Eagle Pass, Texas and Piedras Negras, Mexico (they are across the Rio Grande from each other) Harper Cattle Company is at the Mexico address. Tito Harper had a brother, O.S. Harper. The other listing at this entry is for a Richmond Harper. I would love anything that you have about the Harpers. I believe that Tito may have piloted a plane that carried George for the first leg of his trek to Guatemala....

I have been going thru the Dallas file, very slowly, as I want to pick up as much as possible this first-time thru, so I have not yet reached the time-frame of the Central American trip. The earliest entries give many indications that George may have been involved with the U.S. oil company supply-line to the Nazis. John Loftus ("The Belarus Secret") has been of great assistance re: what files to request (subject files)....where...under FOIA. George's days in Louisiana & Mexico (1938-41) fit into this scenario. It will be a long, slow process, but if relevant data comes out of it, it will have been worth it. I am also pursuing his other travels, as well as his business ventures

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and associates (i.e. Clemard Charles).

I still need to find someone who can translate George's father's letters of 1939-41 (written in Russian). Hopefully, sometime down the road, I will have a more complete picture of George and his family.

His brother Dimitri's next letter to me is long overdue; he turned 88 in April. I usually get a letter every 4-6 weeks; the last one arrived in late February. Dimitri was the director of the Tolstoy Foundation & founded/edited the "Russian Review". He was affiliated with the Hoover Institution and now lives at an Ashram in India. Thru him, I have received interesting bits & pieces of family history.... though he gets very cranky when I ask too many questions!

I heard about the Galveston press conference from a few people this past week-end. I'd love to hear more about it... especially the new evidence. I recently sent some data to Gary Shaw regarding his area(s) of research.

Must go now.

Best,
Peggy