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4/15/90

Dear Peggy,

Reur 4/12 card (did you also do one on the funeral or was the surgery successful?), I'll be responding piecemeal, in part because I can't get down to and see a bottom drawer in a file cabinet. At least some of the de M records are in it. And from what I've gone over, there may be some duplication about which as a practical matter I won't be able to do anything. Unfortunately, I have no recollection, and what I've just said comes from something I saw in what I call the "subject" file. If I did not explain this, as I read the records I got, which I've kept as I got them for archival purposes, I made duplicate copies for subject filing. In this file were copies of a couple of FBI letters to me. They can serve as a check for you so I'll be copying them.

I'm surprised you didn't get from Fensterwald some pages from the de M manuscript of a book because, and I've removed this because you won't want that duplicated, I sent them to him with a memo and you do not have that in your list. Not that I perceived, in any event.

This reminds me, if you have occasion to send anyone with FBI records of which you want copies any list of the records you have, be sure to include the serial numbers. Without them it can't be determined which pages you have or don't want.

I do not have an Oltmans file but I believe Fensterwald should have one, if of nothing else what he copied from Garrison s. (I imagine that Garrison still has that crap if he'd copy it for you.)

This led me to think and I found what I forgot to mention to you and it includes some excerpts from Garrison's outhouse. Before I started getting all those FOIA records I did have a de M file, separate from the later subject files. I have a second one of 1975 releases. Together they are about an inch thick. The text of an Oltmans interview of de M is included and I don't know what else. These two files were in my office and no problem to get. I think that rather than either of us trying to exercise any judgement, and I do not have the time to read them as a basis for judgement, it will be best to copy all. I do not have a clear understanding of where you are going and I'm sure that copying all I have will be much, much less costly than your making a trip down here.

This in turn reminds me about your good wishes about my fall. If everything else turned out that well I'd be a youngster at 77! No more than a foot-muscle hyperextension I no longer feel. But thanks for the good wishes.

Unless there is something interesting in those three pages on Kimsey, don't bother copying them. My only interest in him had to do with Hugh McDonald and his phony "Appointment in Dallas." I had Kimsey's curriculum vita in the work I did for a publisher who was considering the book, based on a 65 page summary by McDonald, before he got his ghost through Zebra. And all of that has disappeared! My McDonald file is here except for that separate folder! I hate to be paranoid but I can't imagine it being misfiled. I've checked every possible file and it just isn't here!... Aside from someone acting for him I can't think of anyone who would be interested in stealing it, either. So I can't tell you when he was born and when he died. Ask Fensterwald.... Well, there is someone who could have been interested, Ben Davidov. He had a farm near here and he knew what I'd done for this publisher. And he had the skill and the possible interest. He was Kimsey's friend, if I can use the word after the McDonald book. Kimsey worked for him and lived in his offices in the Chasleton Hotel, in DC.

I'll add to this when the file search is complete. I'm hoping that a friend who is more nimble can come tomorrow and go over the bottom file drawer my rudimentary index indicates holds ~~all~~ part of the 632 file, some of which was reprocessed. We'll then remove it and check the other listing and I hope I'll then be ready to take this into

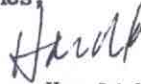
town for xeroxing. I'll arrange to deliver it on a morning that permits them to do it and return it to me the same day.

If you did not know, Davidov, aside from being Goldwater's security during his campaign, had a detective agency with "International" in its title and was a vice-president of the Peoples Drug Store chain in charge of security or of its parent corporation, which had "Oak" in its name.

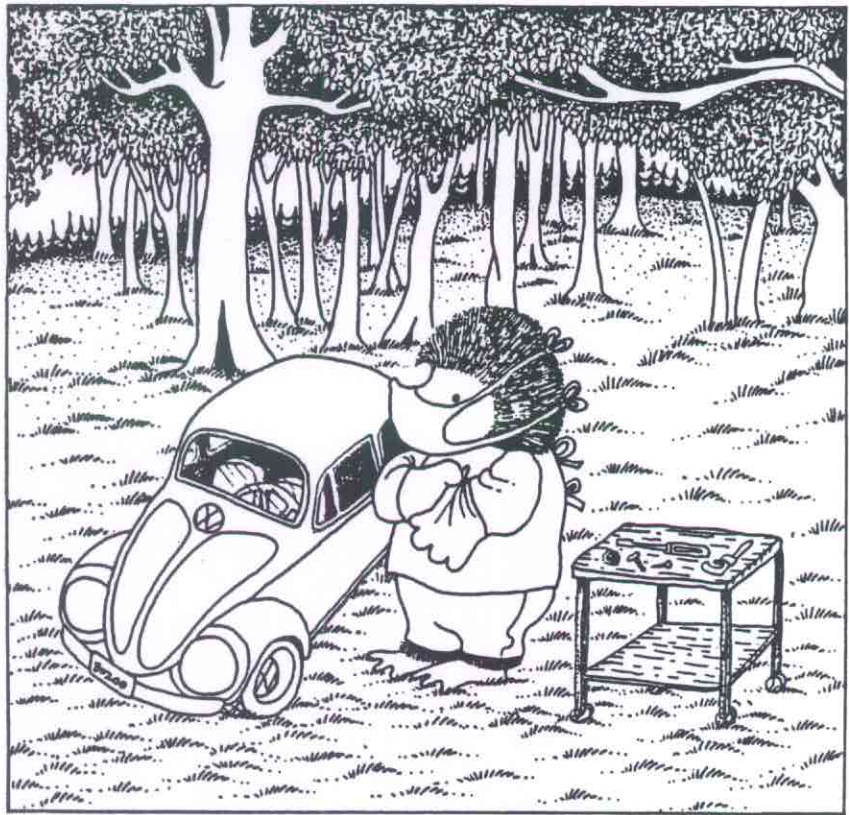
I was able to reach the 105-63²/₁ file and I have it in a box ready to take for xeroxing after the bottom-drawer records are retrieved for me. From the FBI's letter I take it there are 1115 pages plus the processing worksheets, which they no longer disclose. They are also an inventory. With what I refer to earlier it looks like about 4 1/2 inches, including file folders, compressed.

Once I have what I can't reach I'll arrange for the xeroxing and if there is any indication of a long delay I'll let you know.

Best wishes,



Harold Weusberg



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Dear Harold,

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Thank you for your
letter of 4/8. I was

so sorry to hear about your fall, & hope
that you will be up & around soon!

All that I have on William Ottmans is:

3pp, notes on meeting with Ottmans, 4/9/69;
2pp, AP piece by John Hengel, a 7/1/69 letter
from Ottmans which begins, "Dear Bird... Best?";
Yale 1950 classbook & reunion data. If
you have more than the above, then the Ottmans
file is of interest to me, as well.

I have 3-4 pp on Kimsey; do you want
copies? Do you know his dates of birth &
death?

My interest in George de M. is with regard
to his life & that of his family (father, brother
& other relatives/ancestors ... as well as friends
& associates (personal & business)). Since my
FBI data is merely 1964 extracts from original
case files, your complete George de M. file will
be of great value to my endeavor. I will mail
you a check for copy costs & postage as soon as
the material arrives. Best wishes, Peggy