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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Harold,

I was pleased to receive your letter of December 25. More pleased was I to hear that you have added considerably to your splendid Coup D'Etat. Your pertinacity amazes me. Wherein I have failed to make any efforts at serious work for years, you have never ceased to give all of yourself to the examination of the crucial events of our time in this troubled country.

That you have made significant findings in the Ray case I accept without question. But I fear that I cannot be of help to you in contacting black leaders. Because I have publicly stated that I am of the opinion that black nationalism is to a large extent a governmentally fomented and manipulated effort to excite a repression of insurrection and thereby give the intelligence services and the military a new relevancy in the society, I am not in the good graces of the blacks in this city.

I do not know Reverend Bevel. Opportunities have been provided for him to meet with me. He has not availed himself of them. At this point, considering my status among the blacks, I would only serve as a kiss of death for your work with him.

We hope that the new year will see your important material published and widely distributed to the people. Your energies should benefit our society currently and not be left for the historians in the future to give proper credit to a tireless hunter after truth.

When you are in Philadelphia, we would be pleased to see you, Harold.

Regards,


Vince

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Dear Vince,

To say that I have made "significant findings" in the Ray case is a rather large understatement. I have enough to get every lawyer involved disbarred (not that it will happen) and to get the case reopened (which also has slim prospects). And I have enough, solid and definitive, to take the DJ to court, as I shall as soon as the papers are drawn and others of the few lawyers who have handled such cases are canvassed for their experiences. It provides us what may be even a better chance to accomplish things than the close-to-saborted Washington proceeding of a year ago did. This is among the reasons I am so anxious to get this work out, even if in a private printing. It is, I believe, at the moment the most powerful blow we can strike against fascism.

Why do I persist? The most obvious reason is because so many have not and some must, otherwise we become accomplices to fascism.

I can understand and to a degree am in accord with your beliefs about the black nationalists. However, as with Boxley and Turner, I think most are not agents, for it is unnecessary that they have the connection, their spontaneous activity serving that purpose anyway. However, I have no doubt they are and have been thoroughly penetrated. I wish, however, you had told me how I might get in touch with Bevel. You see (aside from the fact he has done things too inconsistent with his being an agent), I am not afraid of dealing with "agents". I have said I shall. The head of one CIA foundation regularly provides some special supplies my books require that I cannot afford. If he wanted to he could see almost anything I have. He has never been here. I have made this offer in writing to various officials, for I want them to know much of what I know. For me, any other course would be both crippling and emasculating. And, for me, it works.

There is, in this book, much for those Jews who could afford to help get it out. But they, alas, are true to the Judenrat tradition.

I wish it were possible for you to think in terms with which you are not accustomed. We are so few and so weak we must apply intellectual judo. We can, if those in a position to in some areas would.

There is one thing where you should have no hangup with which I do ask your assistance. Jim has never provided any of use with copies of the transcripts. He sent Gary a few pages of Finck's, but he omitted the most significant ones. We have Fincke, Frazier and Nichols. Moo has been promising them for months, with one excuse after another, but we have none. I think it important that we do have them, or rather the more significant ones. I think if you would ask this of Jim he'd see to it that it is done. I have told Moo which ones are more important. They include Shaneyfelt, the Willises, Shaw, Cobb, Regis Kennedy, if they have it, and there should be a set for Gary, for Paul and for me. I also think we should not have to ask this of Jim, when you consider the enormous amount of work we all did for him. Please do it now and keep after it, for there is much of which they were entirely unaware and there is some I would like to be able to follow down before their new Shaw case comes up. They can give this to one of the women in the office and it will not take long with their beautiful machine and will cost them little. None of us can afford to pay for copies. Also Andrewso who does not always lie (the question being when doesn't he?)...If and when I'm in Phila I'll phone, but we are so broke I no longer go to the Archives unless I have to be in DC anyway....If you can be reassured, I have such material now as you have not dreamed of, even what was denied the Commission. Best,