9/16/69

Dear Gary,

I return herewith the Jasper 9/5 letter, enclosed with yours of 9/12/ Under the circumstances, I'd say it is at least as good a letter as we had any right to expect, probably better. They are afraid, no more, no less. He saw enough, understands enough. His is a correct observation, of course, and I was pointed with him about the former friends and staffers of the victims. But if they do come, as events may inspire - we do not knowwhat will happen when - I'll give them a few comprehensible things they can, I think safely, do something about. Meanwhile, I made a pretty broad hint he might talk to Teddy's man, who he knows. Yours is a very good letter....Nader has no listed phone. I've tried to get Bud to try and reach him, waiting until I was in a position to do him what amounts to a favor.

Strep throat seems to be going aroubd, Paul just had one.

Shaw/Penthouse: I do not recall when Nagy was where or ceased to be. But all of this talk is of one organization. Without looking it up, I think I recall a second.

Did I not indicate to Mary the possibility that because of her outspoke nness she might not have been given the full anti-me treatment. Thought I had. Right or wrong, it is best for her to be aware, however she interprets it. Or me. However you address this, tactfully or otherwise, it is important she be able to properly evaluate those strange people. She may be taking their words, believing them dependable, thorough, etc.

I feel the best cure for the anxiety is curing its causes. This is not easy, given some of our tensions, and more difficult when I do not know which may be causative. I sahre your low opinion of shrinks. Every one I've ever met impressed me as a guy who took that specialty to save fees. I suppose best of all would be a long vacation. However, I am trying to rest longer, usually succeeding, and I do spend part of every day otherwise occupied. I spent an hour, working up a good sweat, putting weeds and pulling honeysuckle, then, later, took a short dip (the water was chilling, so cold). I've been trying to avoid the equanil, but I wonder if it is good idea. And, I do a few calisthenics on arising and retiring, if only to keep the stiffening members a bit more supple. I do not overdo this.

On the slides: none from Fink's book, which will show screen on projection. When you can from neg. fine. No rush.

Given the nature of the detective business, it is not unusual for them to investigate you if they are serious about the invitation. I thibk it best to be alert to the possibilities, some of which I suggested, but I think it also wise to consider they are serious. I'd certainly accept it if they make the offer. And, as legal investigators, whatever that is, they may be not well known to the regular private eyes. I suggest that as soon as you are well and your shkool work (which should come first) permits, you meet with him and play him straight, assuming his good faith and good intentions. Before we get Bud, who is busy with his book, to spend time on this, let us await developments there. I think this is probably a real organization. There is no Donald Gisevius in the N.O. phone book (12/67), but the firm is, at the address given. My hunch is that these are company employees. What specialties in law, I could only guess. Like damage specialists, etc. Be open-eyed, not paranoid, about it. And I suggest that you may hear from more people you'd not expect to through WCCO merely because it is the best-known station in the area, if not also the olderst. Take care health and school,

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Dear Harold,

Thanks for all the letters and enclosures. This will have to be brief. To add to my prelim worries, I now have strep throat. This is a double problem, since it will take many hours away from study to get extra rest--I had hoped to go at it day and night from here on in.

Radio tapes in the archives sounds amazing--no telling what is in them. I too am unawareof their existance or any listing of it.

Jasper meeting sounds interesting--especially presence of two guests. Enclosed is Jasper's letter. Copy it when you get the chance and return it. He sounds like a reasonably sincere guy. Also enclosed is a copy of my letter to him for your files. I took time off to write it because I think that it would be good to give them reinforcement for their interest.

The Buchanan thing in the Enquirer is the same interview Jim sent Vince and me. This explains Fred's knowledge of the interview. The confusion was because Jim had not identified the interviewer in the xeroxed copy he sent.

On the Shaw piece in Penthouse, was Nagy alive when Shaw was with the trade mart in Italy. I thought that Nagy was in the Soviet Union, unheard from, and presumed dead. Unless my memory is way off, something is very wrong here.

The letter to Mary may have been a mistake, since I suspect that Lifton might have be afraid to say much, given the fact that I will be going down there to meet her. He is probably quite well aware of the fact that I can counter anything he says, and therefore saying too much can only serve to discredit himself. In any event, I will try to explain the situation tactfully.

On the anxiety, there are no good readings which would be worth your time. It is not well understood and everyone has an ax to grind. The extensive experimental work would be of no use to you. As for psychiatrists, I have a very low opinion of them, but, for your purposes, a reliable one who could presbribe medication would be useful. By and large that is all they are good for, although there are good ones. They are not well trained, especially as compared to clinical psychologists. That's why I am getting a PhD and not an MD. Rest and getting out to do things is often the best cure.

Sorry on Mary's letter. If I wasn't in such a daze I would have noticed that it was addressed to you also.

On the slides of the Hughes film and Weaver photo, I should point out before sending them tha they were made from Tink's book. I will definitely be making a better Weaver slide from the negative I borrowed from Fred and may be able to get a few Hughes slides from him also. If you still want them, however, I will send. Take a look at them in the appendix to Tink's book first though.

On Haapanen, he gets good ideas, and did a decent memo on Rubyss finances, but generally does not seem too productive, unless I just don't get to see his stuff (which is unlikely given my correspondence with Rennar). He could have had a memo on the Indonesian thing done a long while ago. He knows the volumes quite well, but knows nothing about the archives.

Vince has had no contact with Tink for a long while, and the last contact was Vince calling him on the phone, and then meeting with him, discussing the charge that Tink was an agent. I would in some ways stand a better chance of getting it, but may mention it to Vince to see what he thinks. Sylvia, naturally, would be the best if she would do it.

Very perceptive on the June speaking engagement! It may well be a phoney. I had not been surprised at it at first because I am very popular out here and very respected in professional circles. For instance, my supporters include one of the most respected lawyers in the state who is a law school dean. But something is up. Enclosed is a copy of the letter I got from the guy, after his phone call (he sent the letter before the call though). He has been making inquirees about me which appear to have little relation to my speaking ability. Although this may sound strange, his mention of hearing me on WCCO is interesting. For some reason, everyone who has said that before has turned out to be a strang e person. For instance, a woman who used that line made many inquirees and was almost certainly an informant--it's too long a story to tell now but there was no doubt in the minds of anyone involved after it happened. It was that appearance that brought out Bill Williams, ex-FBI now, to complain to the station and try to get their only liberal fired for having said nice things about me (the news director is a facist--told an employee that the Jews were behind the riots!) I have a professional private investigator working gratis on this case, and thus far he has found no indication that the organization on the letterhead exists! The law firm mentioned in the letter is very political (i.e. Anderson will be running for governor), the home office of the detective agency has no phone (phone Co. executive ran a check), and the Sec. of State for Minn., after saying that Jerry Johnson had applied for a license, made a point of saying that he was a fine fellow. My private detective says that the latter greatly surprised him--it was very unusual and too coincidental to be believe He thinks that there is a plot underfoot to either use me in a political frameup, or frame me, and is continuing to investigate. In any event, something is up. After prelims I am going to see Mr. Johnson and try to find a few things out.

Stay well. Best wishes.

Gary

PS: I wonder if Bud can find out anything about the people on the letterhead of the detective agency. Chicago people know nothing of it, and neither do Minneapolis law firms. At the very least Johnson has misrepresented the importance of his agency to me, since the only innocent possibility now is that it is very very new.

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Dear Mr. Schoener;

Sometime ago I heard your Kennedy presentation on W.C.C.O. radio.

In June of 1970, the National Association of Legal Investigators is holding it's convention in Minneapolis. As the Mid-Northern director I am in charge of that Convention.

Would you please call me at either 451-6411, the Law Offices of Thuet,Todd,Anderson and Collins, or at my home,488-8070 in St.Paul. I would like to talk to you about the possibility of your appearing on that program.

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I believe you could contribute greatly not only to our convention seminar but to our association as well.

Awaiting your telephone call, I am,

Very truly,

Jerome R. Johnson

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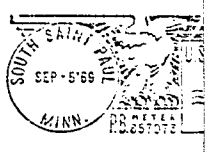

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