7/16/69

Dear Gary,

Whoever intercepted my stuff when I left Mpls forced me to get this decent portable that I've been using today to escape the heat. I find I can even type with it on my lap, as I did when a young man reporting sports. Today, for the first time, I've felt the heat, yet was not uncomfortable from it. Wierd. No sweating, just oppression in breathing. After the nap I now try and take at least once a day, I found the porch, on which I'd worked this morning, too hot, came in the house and was usddenly sorry Lil hadn't turned the air conditioners on. So, after reading an hour or so while the temperature goes down, back at it.

The enclosed letters are for your information only. Jim's may interest you. I send it only in fairness to him, having sent you mine. It does not surprise me, nor does some of the reasoning. I suggest some of it qualifies me in your specialty, you having gotten my diagnosis early. For him, however, it is quite gracious and I read into it, especially into the reason for the communication gap, a subconscious recognition of the reality. It was delayed reaching me, as the enclosed copy of my letter to Louis shows, probably for innocent reasons. Please do not do what might embarrass him by making any reference to it to anyone. The letter from Mary, which is overly generous, will help prepare you for your trip. I fully expected, after speaking to her or you last Friday night at Bud's, that she would either make such an offer or make suitable arrangements for you. If she comes here, there is little I will withhold from her. She and Arch impressed me as decent people of the most honorable and unselfish intent. I hope you will accept her invitation. I think it may be the most important single thing you can do in Dallas. And her conservative perspective may in many ways be helpful. It certainly will not be any kind of barrier, and it wasn't between her and Arch and me. I am confident it never will be.

I hope you will not be doing a Hal and carrying files with you, in your case for security. You should have reasonable security at home. If not, go to the bus station. For 25¢.... Which leads me to the newest letter from the brother. I hope to reply by the time I mail this. If it cools off, we may go out after supper, for a ride. I expect to go swimming again before supper, which will delay the letter-writing, but that I do almost religiously, not only because I enjoy it, but because I regard it as better than medicine. Of which I take none nayway.

Olson's 7/9: If you need photographic service in KC, ask John Nichols and tell him I told you to. Tell him also why I have been silent. Phone him anyway. Home, AD6-5252;off NI2-9460. That could be NO. Don has good points on the camera mechanism. He should first inquire at any good camera store. They may also have specs that may interest him. Tell him I have a dupe, any time he is in this area. I remain convinced a vertical deviation requires explanation, and the frames in that region are so clear it is difficult to believe the obvious explanation, he moved the camera upward slightly. On the boxes, try and get him to examine Willis 12. When you see Phil (plea e give him my best, with regrets for not being able to get to N.O.-and tell him why) perhaps he will project the original or what he thinks is the original. If he does, perhaps Olson would consider making a tracing from the projected enlargement? I tried to encourage O to use what I have in WW as a beginning point. DJ to Mondale 7/7, I'd be inclined not to interpret RE as you suggest,if in joke. If they meant it they'd not say it. It is because you initiated his interest and he spoke in that sense. What is interesting is that other than the chief of the criminal division or his deputized answered. That may be the normal bureaucratic structure with Congress. Good move, going well. To Dick 7/11: by now you know Cleaver is in Algeria. I hunch he'll stay in Africa. He can be reached through Ramparts. He is still writing for them, roving editor according to electronic news here. I had earlier suggested to Dick he let it drop (I asked him to initiate) for reasons I could only hint at. He and you may have understood.

Looking forward to Square, etc. Suggest safer to mark each thing I am to return rather than inform me separately and risk my forgetting. I will want copy of that but not in any rush. In fact, I'd like to see every issue. I get more interested in thatboperators all the time.

But, back burner, for Agt O....You did sent ltr to Fred, I think...I'm doing no unnecessary copying to save time and money, both scarce, effort, which I husband. I cannot afford needed service on machone or new supply paper. I use Thermofax when possible, for that cheaper, but that machine was worn out when I got it....Paul R has the ms of an early MMonroe expose book. I didn't take time to read. If you can, without great trouble, get me a copy of that one, please do. Perhaps Mary has one...Capell's name is familiar but I do not place...I do not get Newsweek. ...No new ideas on chores. You not get all you plan done and spend much time profiting from what Mary wants us to profit from. They are entirely unselfish, I am satisfied....Northwestern psych prof: heard on local radio, wrote for copy. But you did not enclose the clip in the letter. ...Dick and photos: I thought I'd told him of Patsy...I have some questions about the Julia Ann Mercer story, which does make it important that she be interviewed by someone seeking truth, not a good press. But I never asked her address. I assume You has or can get it. Vince can get it for you. I believe she is no longer in Dallas. He can also get a good copy of the signature and the statement. You can get others from Archives for comparison.

Somehow I have the illusion my typing is less awful on this Hermes. In any event, the keyboard is identical on letters, so you can make the same interpolations in my standard errors.

= Have a good trip. Please do not discuss with anyone those I have seen in Dallas. It is better that all remain anonymous, save Paul Curry, Z, Perry, Paines, Machann. If it stays hot and I go out and mail this tonight, I may not have the copies enclosed, for if it stays hot in the office, where the air conditioning doesn't reach, so - have it closed off, I'll not subject myself to that as once I would. In that evebt, tomorrow's mail should reach you before you leave and none of it is essential for that anyway.

Thanks for good wishes.

Best,

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Dear Harold,

When the xeroxing is done, I will be sending you in this letter the following items: a letter from Don Olson to me, a carbon of my last letter to Dick, and a xerox of the enclosure which was in Mondale's last letter to me. I didn't want to waste money xeroxing Mondale's last letter, but it read: "July 9, 1969 This is just a note to pass along an interim report that I have received. As you can see, I will be receiving a further report in the future. When this is received, I will be back in touch with you. Sincerely, Walter F. Mondale." From the "RE: Gary Schoener" at the bottom, it would seem that the Justice Dept. is investigating me rather than the question of the assassination. Have I sent you my letter to Fred and Marlynn of July 17? It was the long one which quoted extensively from your reply to their charges and refuted all they said. My carbon has folds in it as though it has been mailed. I am pretty sure that I did lend it to you.

Under separate cover are coming the following items: 3 pages from Newsweek which you may not have--please copy and return (didn't you say that you don't get Newsweek?); a copy of the Westwood Village Square (if you want this copy, tell me and I will order another for myself); and a book on Marilyn Monroe's death which tries to frame RFK and was done by our old friend Capell. This is quite short and I think worth your time before Coup is done. It is copyrighted 1964, and I suspect that it is early'64. I was reviewed by Aug. 11, 1964, so perhaps I am wrong, but at least it is 1964. Note on page. 79 it is indicated that back in the early 40's and late 30's Capell did work in cooperation with the FBI, US Army intelligence, ONI & other government depts. The frameup of Bobby you should read and examine for yourself. I want this book back when you are done with it, but keep it as long as you like. It was advertised in the Councilor (in that issue Dick sent us) and part of its advertising made a obvious reference to RFK. One thing, in case you don't have time to read it, which is incredible in terms of frameup, is the mention that Marilyn sent a personal telegram to RFK. Looking at the evidence which Capell presents in xerox form, it is clear that the telegram was sent to Senator and Mrs. RFK, which makes a lot of difference. Another interesting thing is that he capitalizes"communist", so that in some contexts, where it is only an adjective, it appears to be part of a title, or part of a name. For instance on pg. 33 he refers to the "Communist Peoples Educational Center" which should read the "communis [allegedly, of course] People's Education Center. This makes it appear that the group actually admits in its organization's name that it is communist.

The Square contains a great many items of interest. One is the Butler article. The second is the cartoon on pages 10-12, which features you, Mark, Mort, and Jim. You are "Viceberg." There is very little disguise here, and the cartoon has many interesting features, like an assistant DA contacting super-square, the name of the defense attorney, etc. etc. On page. 28 there is an amazing article on Shick, which ties them to Cuba and explains the economics of their right ing views, and identified Oscner as "a Director of Shick" on page 10. The letters are also inter esting, especially given the reference to super-square's CIA apparatus like his poison ampule. And then there is the front cover. Just let me know if you want this and I will order another for myself.

I imagine that Dave did only send Dick the Receda stuff, or the KT stuff.

I don't know who interviewed Jim, but it was a European. Strangely, it is not identified in either Jim's letter or during the interview, nor are there any hints as to who it is. It was typed on DA's stationary. I will pass your suggestions on to Harold. The reference is undoubtedly to Bud, not Ralph.

On Dallas, it looks like we will probably go sometime around next Monday. I will tell you more when my car is certain of the trip. We will want to see Hugh Betzner, and probably use that as a half way rest in Kansas City. The reasons are clear in Olson's letter.

That was extremely good of Paul to get reservations, although I have not heard from them yet. I will use them since he has gone to some trouble. He also sent me a check for $20, after having offered to pay for his copy of the Z film and buy me one too, and after I had informed him that while it was a kind offer, I already had one.

Olson will be a good guy to have along in Dallas since he knows the photos quite well, and certainly better than I do. The two of us should make a fairly competent team for dealing with all the photos we will try to get. I will also try on the Wanda Schaffer bit, besides Willis, Betzner, etc. I am still making up a list of what to do. Do you have any ideas about who might be an ex-copy or who might be an ex-Ruby employee worth trying. There must be a few on the loose, and they are just the people who it might be advantageous to speak with this long after the event. Mrs. Dolan is preparing me a good memo on who to go after with regard to Crafard. By the way, she is a personal friend of Jim Rhoads, and is going to give him trouble and try to find out anything she can about the Novel affair. I may also use her for a direct personal approach to Barbara Brookey to try to get her to ask the FBI for that photo, since Mrs. Dolan has lived in Ohio for much of her life, and also because she is a good middle class or upper middle class housewife.

Still no word on the girlfriedd of the guy who allegedly knew Ferrie. People claiming to know Ferrie out here are exciting, since his name is almost unknown out here. If someone claimed to know Shaw it would have a much greater probability of being bull.

I am now enclosing another item in that package which you should get within a week: Two articleson the Sirhan thing by Bud Shulberg which Dick Bernabei sent me. Please send them back to him when you are done with them. Sorry to burden you with the postage, but since this is on Sirhan, it is potential stuff for Coup.

According to UPI about a week ago, psychology professor Harold J. McGrady from Northwester U. testified before a House education subcommittee on a bill to provide $85 million to train teachers...Oh hell, I'll just enclose the clipping. please return it. It came from the MLPS papers, but someone gave it to me so I don't know the exact date. It was just last week though.

I don't remember sending you a copy of the Councilor, but if I did my letter around that time would tell you whether it needed to be returned. I may have had an extra copy of one issue and said you could keep it. Please tell me the date and I will see.

It was a good idea to subscribe to the Councilor.

Dick just sent me a copy of his last letter to you. In it he mentions needing photo work done. I will have to write him again and mention that I have a guy here who can do it for at most the cost of the paper, and at least, perhaps, for nothing. Don't spend a cent on any work. If there is a rush on it, it will only cost the paper.

I asked Bud for Julia Ann Mercer's address, but he doesn't have it. He did send me the FBI report on her which she wrote comments on for Jim. I would give anything for the chance of givingher and her family a thorough going over. If she is telling the truth it could be important, but I am not too quick to believe her. Also, I might be able to turn a handwriting analyst loose on her if given the chance, to see about her claims of a forged signature.

Well, I'd better go now. Take it easy and get back in good health. We need you both as a friend and as a researcher. Give my regards to your wife.

Gary