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Dear Gary,

In today's mail with your 7/8 w. enc. (thaks) is a note from George and one from Atkinson. Enclosed with this are a few suggestions for Dallas. For the most part, what you say requires no comment. I'll try for brevity because I remin extremely tired while feeling well otherwise. And I am getting more work on thw addition done. It is necome clear to me that two impossibilities will be required: publication of the single enormous tome and selection from it of a single large book on Ray only. This part is really building overwhelmingly. More of what Foreman really did and was up to becomes apparent under analysis. I am not satisfied he had to be acting for the government and I think I've already proved it. Strange thing is that aside from me, the only person who, I think, did tumble to is it Ray himself. I've written that part.

I presume from the bits and pieces you've gotten you may be worried about me, for which I thank you and give you assurances. Tomorrow I'll be in DC to see the dentist and I'll check in at our medical cooperative. I'l, not be able to get a complete examination, but they will be able to determine whether one is required. If so, it will be set up and the requisite tests made, etc. The indefinite local hospital diagnosis was heat, in the sense of heat exhaustion. I cannot contest it, but I can say I have been almost entirely untroubled by the heat this year and certainly entirelt so for the preceeding period. I think it is more likely plain exhaustion, the wonder being it didn't hit me sooner. It was accompanied by labored breathing, unsteadiness, and the infrequent, cyclical feeling I was going to faint. This disappeared after injection of phenolbarbital, but there is the feeling of wight accross the bottom of the chest, weakness in general, etc. I do not think it is psychological and I do not nand have not felt pressured. I am just sitting and reading or TVing more, spending more time in bed, lying down ones or twice a day, whether or not I sleep, etc. and I'm taking Milltown (400mg daily). That was prescribed for something else years ago and is on hand. We have had unseasonally cool welather, too cool for swimming, all week. So, I presume this sudden onset and the lingering weakness is the normal overreaction of the complaining body. Heart, pressure, guts, etc. checked OK at hospital. Sp, don't worry.

Strange Dick didn't send me what Dave sent him, unless he presumed I had it, for that seems to have been his large attack on me over Reseda, etc.

For your own information, not Rholls, there is reason to believe KT may have overheard something about the Cheramie bit once when he was in FBI off. Not clear, not by any means proven.

You do not say with whom "accorss the ocean" JG had his interview. I fear his writing those whose addresses he seeks, for some he'll turn off, esp. one with whom I have been in touch. Anderson will pillory him, and there is no way we can tell him, unless you can tell Vince that I had once told you that despite contrary pretense, he is very much the other side. I think he is Pearson's son-in-law. Both Warren defenders and close to, both regularly used by DJ and JEH, for leaks. Of course, I never heard from Vince. The organization with Cook's name on the masthead means nothing to me. Is the reference to Ralph Schoeneman, who was there recently? Or is it to Bud? He saw Barbara and I think Cook isnon his letterhead. The quoted comment on N.O in the Ray case are accurate. This is fact. Jumping Moo, who is almost entirely without experience, over everyone else in the office, may hurt internally. Some are old and experienced enough to resent it. Moo never told me.

No not worry aboutb"screwing up" in Dallas. It can happen to anyone and if you fear it, it can be crippling. The one thing I emphasize, is stay away from those I've been to and told you about. It can accomplish no good and may hurt. For a

a while longer, I want that to cool. When you see Willis, please explain that I wanted to meet him in N.O., had looked forward to it, and why I had to be in D.C. for that trial (do not spill contents, just decision). Ask him to please let us examine his unpublished slides, letting us borrow copies. He knows if we find anything in them it will be preserved as his property. Satisfy yourself that none were slipped out while the feds had them and that the originals were returned. He is a radical right and thinks everything he has ipso fact is valuable, etc.

The excerpts from Jim's speech are the same rehashing of Tiger I have been hearing since I straightened him out the end of April 1967 (or does he ever straighten?

Voshinin memo interestings. The thing missing is their likely present CIA connections.

Have a good trip, and let me know when you are going.

Best,

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Dear Harold,

Glad that Hal got in touch and that some things have worked themselves out. From George Rennar's comments, it does not surprise me that they do not now trust Turner, but their distrust according to George is due to the Overstreet book's references to Turner. Fred has mentioned nothing to me about a Kolby interview, despite the fact that I made reference to the Haiti thing in a letter to him. This is probably due to the Lifton sabotage, since Fred used to write almost every day and send me everything. I haven't gotten the second (or third) issues of the Village Square even though I sent for them--instead I got another copy of the first issue, and then wrote them for the correct one. I don't plan to subscribe but did want the rest of the Butler stuff.

I know of no other books on King. I tried to get CD 941 the last two times in the Archives but it is, or was, still classified. I did do some checking on those numbers but can't find the results. Remember some time ago when I was working on a study of the classified documents--the one I abandoned because Bethell was allegedly doing it, and the one which led to a big argument with Bethell? Well, anything or anybody in the title of such a document came under study. It was the same thing which led me to other documents--by title--such as the Hoaxes type files.

If it took my letter from the 26th to the 3rd, then it was delayed. Can you send me a copy of your letter to Fred telling him of the color change in the Z film. I would like very much to be able to have that handy to really do a job if necessary. I will relay your comments to Olson. George still hasn't gotten the final word on those tapes. I don't have CD 1472 on Crafard. Your point on the addressbook is a good one. If 1472 isn't too long, could you send a copy.

I do recall the former NO cameraman you had me try to locate. I tried everything I could think of and never even found anyone who had heard of his name. I will keep trying on the Ferrie thing I think that there is already a good chance that I have identified the guy, but we want the girl first so that we can work through her, rather than spook the guy by a direct approach.

I wrote Fred to have either he or Lillian send you a copy of the stuff on Gindrox and the car out back. I will write and see if any of them have interviewed the guy.

Agreed on Lifton. His brightness is obscured by his paranoia and thought disorder, so that while capable intellectually of really fine work, he will probably always louse things up in the end. That sample I sent from his letter, plus the short comments on the rest of it, was pretty much all there was in the letter except an [illegible] offer about the documents.

Bernabei on Lifton (7/2/69): "I did not realize things had gotten so bad between Lifton-Newcomb-Weisberg-you et. al. I suspect it started with the Thornley matter, but perhaps other things started it, too. I plan to stay in touch with Lifton, so some information may drift my way. I doubt whether any of the west coast people would try to drag me into the dispute, for I am not very close to any of them. Some I know only by name; others I have shared cursory correspondence with, except Lifton. For a while I was writing to him regularly, but it stopped when he sent me his stuff on Thornley in December. I could not take Lifton's side, so I simply put off writing. At this distance, and with such little contact, it is hard for me to know who ids deceived and who is a deceiver, whom to distrust because they are scoundrels and whom because they are fools." and "I agree that you are right in all you say in your defense of Harold--it is more than justified. What I deplore is the necessity of having to say it." The only things I omit here, Harold are general comments and questions on psychology, etc. It would seem to me that Dick's head's in the right place, and I'm glad that I sent those letters to him. He does write Lifton for things, however, and I am going to caution him about that.

I will write Dave for extras on what I ordered I think that it might be a waste of your money to get copies of what I am getting from Dave, since I am only getting the Gemberling and Clements stuff, and you probably have most of it. I could send any that seem interesting and you could

copy them if you don't have them, or something like that. I do agree that Dave is very fearful of public exposure--especially to those with whom he has controlled his craziness, like Paul.

There are other Penabaz books, I think, besides the biography of Hargis and the UNO book, but Hargis hasn't sent me the list of them I requested some time ago. Maybe I'll write to Secrest, the assistant evangelist--the guy who sent me that letter about Penabaz not taking the plane to Tulsa for the convention. On their way are tapes of Penabaz speaking about the assassination, Lola Belle Holmes, and Edwin Walker. I will send them on when I get them in case you want them copied, or maybe I can get them copied for you for the price of the tape (I used to have a contact who would do this for me).

Keep the 6/18 to Dave. I didn';t realize that I had mistakenly told you to copy and return. I will drop Hal a line to indicate my willingness to do things for him in Dallas.

Gil Atkinson (Mlps--the Dell correspondence) is a strange guy. He is doing the data analysis for your hypnosis research and is brilliant at it, but some are suspicious of him. He attaches to many radical causes, but there is something about him which makes people uneasy.

Your letter to George was a good one. George is a good man in my book and I plan to cultivate his friendship since he is dependable and intelligent. By the way, if you ever have any question on Hargis, remember that I have been on his mailing list for a long time and have a thick file on him. I get so much stuff in the mail every day that I just can't mention it all to you, or sometimes I mention it in passing and you forget,understandably. It is very difficult to keep going as a full time graduate student in a program which requires full time effort, and then also work with the archives, do some interviewing, do speaking, and keep up correspondence second only to yours.

Thanks for sending me the Ray correspondence. There is something exciting about it in that it is the raw story from the inside, whether factual or not. I file it all away after reading it and do not leave it where it could be found. I am taking no chances.

Enclosed are letters to Rholl and Mondale. I hope you don't mind my having volunteered your name to Mondale, but possible congressional friends can be a help to us all. I mentioned Bud only because he might be more at home with him, and I was somewhat desperate not to lose track of this correspondence. I want to keep him on the line. His last letter, which I quote from in my letter to him, could have been almost the final word.

Jim Garrison sent Vince an undated handwritten note recently. Here is the text:
"Here are several copies of my recent interview with a party across the ocean. I have no idea where on this planet it can be published. The extra copy is for Tom." "Do you have Fred Cook's address? General Gavin's? John Kenneth Galbraith's. Jack Anderson's? (the last being the write associated with Pearson)." "While I am conscious of some short-comings in this brief summary of the situation, I have tried to get across the essentials--those essentials which the mass media avoid like the plague. My thought is that a steady program of selective distribution might awaken here and there a mind or two. If you have any other names to suggest (perhaps a list of Senators and Congressmen) I will send them out." "Did you notice in Fred Cook's book on Hiss, that Hiss was once counsel for the Nye Committee investigating the munitions industry? Incidentally, does Cook know yet that the organization which has his name on its mast-head is a piece of fly-paper? Its head man--that friendly fellow--was in New Orleans recently. He asked one acquaintance of mine whether or not he knew if I had received any investigative money from the Teamsters. He advised another worker for us that she could get killed sticking with the Kennedy case, that the James Earl Ray case was the thing to concentrate on, that there were many leads on that "down here", etc.
"The Wolves are beginning to circle now. The editorials on my disregard of organized crime grow steadily longer. The big money people will not support a mayor candidate unless he has a D.A. candidate to oppose me. Is there anything in this country that they don't control now? Still, we are able to handle everything that is happening, for the ? [illegible] anyway."
"I finally got rid of my chief assistant Charles Ward, who is now one of my three opponents. I made Alcock the new chief assistant. The new executive assistant is Andrew Sciambra. I jumped him over the heads of a lot of others but this was earned by him in the Shaw case. Now the top command is entirely made up of men who fought that fight with me. There are no more neutral observers left in any of the top positions. Now all we have to do is win the elction and knock the warfare complex on its ass."
"Did you observe where Nixon explained to a group of sailors that our "destiny" requires that we be the "protector of peace" for the rest of the 20th Century ? I hope that your destiny

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is acknowledgead everywhere and that we don't have any trouble with truculent people with plans of their own. I have a feeling its going to be a very bloody peace." Jim's interview, which contains nothing of real interest nor nothing new, is 29 pages long and on heavy paper, so I won't send it unless you really want it. I don't think that it is worth wasting time and money on, although it is well spoken, since there is no new info in it. The letter quoted above is in full.

Fred just wrote me that he or Lillian will be sending you good copies of her memo and the supporting documents. I think that this stuff should definitely be in your book, although I think that it needs more followup. Right now it is just a serious question.

Thanks for info on the wrist scars and ideas on what to ask Rose.

On Dallas, bear in mind that there is no telling how much time we will have, and more important, there is no telling what we won't be able to do. For instance, what if 3 or 4 people are on vacation or won't see any of us. Then we might run out of ideas before a week is up. Also--we plan to work hard--day and night. But, bear in mind that despite my experience with people I am capable of screwing things up. Any really important lead which might turn off to college age kids should be excluded. I think that I will write to at least Willis and Rose beforehand. Rose mostly because I will be writing on medical stationary, which will have more of an effect than my initial personal appearance in encouraging him to speak with me.

I will do what I can on DeMoh. I have little time. I am interested in others in that Russian community also, and still would like to probe Continental Oil of Houston (Declan Ford's party had some of their employees there, and the name came up with Bestougeff, my old favorite for intrigue

There is some talk abound the unit that one of the new researchers is ex-CIA or something like that. It sounds like another Jim Murray (guy who was killed in Alaska) and that is all I need.

It is too late to ask Edelman for clippings since he has by now left for Berkeley. It was the NY Times and I assumed that you got it. I don't, unfortunately. I am certain that you had it when I was at your house (the NY Times that is).

Well, I've got to close now. Take it easy. I just got a lot of stuff from Bernabei and have to write him some answers.

Larry

PS: The mail just came with a letter from England. Mike Masterman is agreed to help out with your conditions. His address is : Mike Masterman, 14 Efford Way, Lymington, Hants, SO4 8BX. England. He will be sending me a copy of a recent paper he did on the first shot and I will be sending you a copy when it arrives. (He is sending me one airmail, and two extras, one for you, by seamail, due to prohibitive airmail costs. I will forward.)

PSS: Enclosed are two copies of the last two pages of Jim's speech. Vince xeroxed me these two extras by mistake.

it is a source of economic and power benefits for the warfare conglomerate which dominates the government. The war is a huge market which produces great profits for a variety of war industries. The money for these profits comes from the high taxes paid by American citizens. Militarily the war serves as a testing ground for new tactics and new hardware. It maintains for us a military foothold in South East Asia. Above all it is a tremendous source of domestic power for the military establishment.

The manic expenditure of eighty billion dollars a year for "defense" against another nation which could not attack us without destroying itself overnight occurs primarily to feed the maw of the defense industries and to perpetuate the domestic power of the warfare forces. The nuclear capabilities of the United States and Russia cancelled each other out years ago -- and the military establishment of each knows this. Of all the nations on earth these are the last two which might fight each other. What is going on now is a game -- a game played by the warfare interests of each country with the people of the country so that the warfare interests can perpetuate their power. With regard to the national security of the United States, Viet Nam is irrelevant. It serves as a market for the war business, nothing more. What is not irrelevant with regard to national security is the destructive effect on the economy of the United States of spending eighty billion dollars a year on death machinery. The value of the dollar inevitably must continue to deteriorate until it is virtually worthless.

Once again we are brought back to the relevance of the execution of President Kennedy to the conversion of the United States to a war oriented super-state. It will be recalled that his objective, as spelled out in his order to Defense Secretary McNamara, was to have all American military forces removed from Viet Nam by 1965. With his removal, 1965 became instead the year for the great build-up of an expeditionary force for combat so

that five years after Kennedy's death there were more than half a million American troops in Viet Nam. It was because of President Kennedy's repeatedly demonstrated tendency to view foreign relations idealistically, rather than in terms of power, that he had to be executed by the intelligence apparatus of the American warfare complex. The transition from a government of the people to a warfare state could not have been completed without his removal.

JIM GARRISON