5/13/69

Dear Gary,

U 5/8 w. enc.osures: To Hobbs, fine, but with whom is he? Insider notoriously undependable. But, on the content, for whatever it is worth, Dean Andrews, whom might well have been pulling my leg (I always make on it is the one thing that cannot happen and take it all straight) told me LHO was befriended by an American whore in Mex Cy. I have a memo on it somewhere. Kuanbeck memo- I know of no woman of this description. However, I can confirm that the narcotics squad had some who would in any other environment be considered odd working as informants. I think it improbable there was any means of videotaping the LHO interrogations and he was never in any "interrogation room". Always Fritz' small office. Much of what she is reported to have said could have come from public knowledge, the rest may be improvised. Perhaps Vince can check with office. I would get no response.

I did receive and yesterday, by insured fourth class, returned the large packet, Thanks. Did you get the Mosjoli article back?

I have not written Uris. Would it do any good? What if he did confirm someone put him on to the V thing? I am confident Helms didn't call him in and deliver it.

On the envelope you ask for a copy of CD 1330. If I have it, it is in what I have not yet classified and I have no card of it. What is it? If I have it you certainly can have a copy.

May I suggest that with your Jaffe, the proper approach would not be "undermining" his father? He should be asking his father, "Suppose you are wrong?" "Suppose the people who inform you have been misinformed or are honestly wrong?" "Suppose the FBI is covering up?" Trying to persuade his father to find fact, to ask questions that may be contrary to what is officially ordained, is not undermining him but making if possible for both to live with themselves in the future. Or, he can try and prompt his father to speak to me about any aspect of which he has the one side. He can say he has heard of me and I am close by.

Despite my affection for hi, I think it is possible to interpret Hal's position as a defense of Turner. He has known better for more than two years, for it is more than this long since he knew Turner was at the very least a literary thief, which is enough to cause doubt. I think Hal is not really "new left" but is more likely SWP. I have never discussed politics with him. As a matter of fact, he is quote likely to suspect agentry.

Baton Rouge: it must have been that decision, for I sent the disproof aft I got home and checked it out here.

You did not send me a copy of Vince's letter. You sent me a copy of your letter to him. I am aware that Vince will do nothing for me. This has been the case from the first, when he actually went out of his way to hurt me. I do not know why. However, the expenses he got me to undertake are in a different category. There he has a moral obligation he cannot shrug off by writing a suggestion to H.O. He made an arrangement involving me. I lived up to it. He should. It is utterly inconscionable to dump this load on me and stop it place the financial burden also on me. It is also very cheap for him to have done it. The amount involved is no burden to him. It is to me. You perhaps have a notion of how much work I did in that period. My copy machine is kaput because of it, and I used up two orders of the special paper. This kind of irresponsibility by him, this contemptible cheapness, is something I cannot easily explain to myself as a manifestation of mental illness, especially

he has known the conditions of our life for four years. And it is not alone that he considers that he has retired from active work. He considers himself the elder statesman, the one who understands philospohically, a real, authentic big-shot and train-truster. While I do not for one minute believe it, his own action is more consistent with that of an agent than that of anyone I know. If he were a poor man, then there might be some explanation of this. He is not. More, when he did pay the air fare for my trip in December- and neither he nor Bud paid anything else, I got stuck with the rest of it- he made me feel very badly about it by crawling all over me for an error the travel agency made in ticketing. AND, he has never been asked to do anything that would be of any personal help to me. More, what he got me into was exactly the opposite of help to me. It required a great sacrifice of me. He made no change in his life. He merely committed me to a major one in mine. No, you have not in any sense either explained or justified it. In writing him without charging him with his personal obligation, with the best of intentions you relieved him of his responsibility by placing it on N.O. In their failure to perform, the responsibility remains his for the arrangement was his, the moral obligation his, the pledged word his. I would not have taken Moo's word on this for anything. I did take Vince's. If he and Moo did not know this, there was no reason for him to have given me his. N.O. already owed me too much then. As you know, I took Jim's on nothing, and on this he did not speak to me. If I can force myself to accept unacceptable explanations of so many inexcuseable things he has donem, som many really hurtful things, I cannot find any justification for him playing the bigshot, the kingmaker, at my expense, of his committing me to do certain things for which I would get my costs back plus a proper compensation and then seeing to it that I get stuck for even the actual out-of-pocket costs. It is plain dishonest.

Glad to get the Z. Told Lil to credit. I do not think it can be used as an excuse to arrest people, but it can be for a civil charge I think unlikely, by LIFE. I've been doing this with stills for some time, as you know, and they have been mute.

On Paul R: He told me he has had it, thathe is thinking of chucking it and doing a book, and asked my help. I said I'd offer it. I knew then this could have been a test. I've heard nothing since. It could be either way. I did not see the man I expected too but I will see people next month and will play it straight. Do not mention to anyone. That could be a significant work, though I think someone else would have to do the writing. He says he is ready for the writing (without discussion of by whom). I've been intending to write him.

Time for breakfast.

Sincerely,

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Dear Harold,

Under separate cover you should have already received a large package of items. Included are things which I need back at your leisure (except the copy of my publication). The King article is long overdue, but with the mess both I and my things are in, this was the best I could do.

Enclosed are a memo to you and Vince, a copy of a letter to the National Insider, and a copy of a letter to a publisher. If the latter is not OK, I am sorry, but time is of essence and I just didn't have time to consult you. I just got the name and address today and I didn't want to wait even a day to get a letter off to him.

There is another King clipping which could be of help but I have just spent 1 1/2 hours searching and not been able to find it.

The Sullivan thing was interesting--it's too bad we didn't think of using Barry for this before. This is something he knows enough to do, but which would be a waste of your time, even though it can turn up important stuff. I will drop him a line and comliment him on his work so as to keep the encouragement flowing.

Have you spoken or written Uris. I agree with your analysis of the Vosjoli stuff. I had meant to ask you whether or not you had ever met him, since you have spent so much time in Washington. Wecht

Your letter to Fisher was excellent. I will try to get more info, but it will be very difficult, since I don't want to ask Jaffe to try to undermine his father, and his father will get suspicious (since he knows about me) if Dan starts probing.

As you know by now on Penn, there is no reason for either he or Boxley to answer, since both you and I, not to mention Vince and Ray, are agents.

Hal Verb's defense or Turner, or continued association with him, disturbs me also and is a strange flaw to find in such a good researcher except for three items. First of all, Hal is of the New Left for which Turner has been a hero. From what he told me, he first got into the case because he was an FPCC member in San Francisco. New Left people are generally looking for Uncle Toms and Establishment people, and rarely suspect agents. Furthermore, they idolize people who have quit the establishment, or say they have quit. They are less troubled than any of us about inaccuracies and distortions. Secondly, Hal is part of California, that sometimes closely knit community, and so is Turner. Finally, Turner is a source of exciting material, although much of it is phoney, irrelevent, or stolen from someone else. I doubt if we have convinced Paul that Turner is as bad as we say, but Paul, from what I know, is as careful as you are about confidences and would have no interest in the type of info which Turner offers anyway.

Check on the material you have sent me. I have told no one--no one--about Post Mortem save for a few of my researchers, who probably don't even remember that I have ever mentioned the title to them. (Last night I mentioned it to the sharpest of the group, and he said "What?", and then I told him what book it was and he remembered.)

I made a mistake on the name of the Penna. senator I assume. Sen. Scott was involved in the Martinsburg thing. It was ex-Senator Joe Clark I heard. I got no chance to talk with him by my own choosing, since during the question session he gave bad answers to both my questions and those of my friends.

On the Baton Rouge stuff, I refer to what Garrison promised in the opening statement. I don't have a copy here, but he did promise it. Was it decided not to use it after the trial began!

From the copy of Vince's letter that I sent you should be aware that he will do nothing for you. I asked for an Epstein memo a long while ago. He came through with notes on Lola Belle Holmes after a year and a half. Vince is always bad about those things, partly due to his heavy work load, and partly due to the fact that he considers himself retired from active work on the case. I will write him for that Spector clipping you wanted. I do not have it, or can't find it.

You will be getting a copy of the 8mm good version of the Z film in the next few weeks. I assumed that you wanted one and ordered one and paid for it. Unless you don't want it, have your wife subtract $10 from what I owe you for that last shipment of books. Fred and Dave Lifton borrowed Lane's copy, had 85 copies made, and are trying to offer them to the critics with the idea that if there are many around nothing will happen. Dave used his name when they ordered the copies. I am wondering whether or not this can't be used as an excuse to arrest people. It is interesting that the Z film copy which ABC TV used on the West Coast caused no legal problems, but that could be a trap of some sort since it was probably Turner who supplied it ("ex-FBI agent living in Sausalito").

On Lifton and Fred, I have always refused to discuss your info. With the Rothermel correspondence, all I did was admit to knowing that you were in touch with him.

Many of the points I made in my letter on King were covered by Hanes' article in that issue of look which had articles by all three. That's what I meant. He didn't give sources, of course, but I imagine that he is reliable enough to be a source himself for that type of stuff.

On Rothermel (please use his last name in the future, since sometimes it is hard to tell the Paul's apart) I will send a few items from the Jaffe "files." I have given him a number of items to get him to give us some help, but perhaps he can do nothing in those areas. I have not heard from him in a while and would like to make sure that he is keeping us in mind. I imagine that he has many chores and could easily get out of the mental set of getting us stuff. In other words, his flurry of activity on our behalf seems to have stopped completely. I have said little about Jaffe but he has expressed an interest, so I thought that some more info from us might prompt some from him. Remember, there have been several times when his replies to such material have contained material on other issues.

By the way, the Gloria Josephs referred to in the letter to the publisher, is a dean of students at Cornell who is in great demand as a speaker on the problems of black people. She is in great demand at Cornell as an arbiter between the blacks and the administration, and many universities have offered her high paying jobs. This publisher has published her work, and she suggested it.

Best wishes.

Gary