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Dear Gary,

Something just occurred to me that I pass on for what it may be worth, if anything. It may be wrong, unfair; but it may have significance.

I have never seen anything Turner has ever written for Liberation News Service or the FP or any of the other underground papers. He could have written much without my knowledge. I just know of none. He has written remarkably little for Ramparts. They conducted that enormous, expensive Warren investigation, from which the spoof of "leBoeuf" emerged, nothing else.

He has spent much time in New Orleans, much with Garrison there and elsewhere. Garrison has regarded him as one of his closer friends. We all know the influence he had over G and the investigation and its use of men and money.

Comes the trial. And the verdict. Suddenly there is a LNS piece by Turner. The Guardian, which had apparently asked a piece of its regular N.O. correspomdent, also published it (FP didn't). What does it say? In two place, among other things,

"Garrison is finished".

He also says never fear for others of us (read Turner, Lane, Jaffe, Sahl, etc) are carrying on.

This is the guy who would not use his own (fake) stuff on the LA FBI, but gave it to Lane, who is so used to the uncritical use of the material of others (and was perhaps disarmed by the lack of need of stealing it) he did, without aquestion and the FBI head got public apologies. Why did he do this piece for LNS? Not for money.

It occurs to me this was his way of continuing his own credentials. Garrison, in his own right (no Turner connection) is wrong, through. Turner sits off at the side, observes, says it as he sees it - detached - and among all those readers is further established as the guy who has been and will be doing the work. Stalwart, stoic Turner, innocent as an unborn lamb, one of the Garrison "victims". You'd never dream the truth from his piece. His saying Garrison is through, in any form, is out of character. I believe he did it for a purpose. Obviously, there is no longer any benefit to a Garrison friendship. But that is not enough purpose. His, I think, was to try and clean his own skirts, prepare for the future. It is not inconsistent with the act of an agent.

If there has been a peep from Lane of Sahl, I haven't heard it. Lane was to have done an FP piece I haven't seen. There was no piece in the current issue, yet Kunkin had been trumpeting a major one. In fact, he said in the last he had delayed it for what he used instead.

This strange, unscrupulous behavior just might be a clue.

Sincerely,