12/17/68

Dear Gary,

Before I get bogged down in preperations for return to N.O. let me comment on your letters of 11/25, 12/ 1,5,,8 and 11, received there.

Turner: so far as the staff is concerned, I think there is little doubt, at least about the effect of those things he has done. With im it may be a personal thing. He felt very close to Boxley, yet he went farthur than I would have or than I think justified, perhaps under Vince's (to me paranoid) persuasion. This extends to everything both were connected with, including Rose. Meanwhile, that other faker, Brosheers, passed on (through Hal Verb) the report that the Chinaman (I've forgotten who he is supposed to be, I' have little regard for that story) is in Santa Anna, Guatemala, where he has engaged "two Spanish gentleman" to kill Jim. I passed it on to Louis, though not believ There seems to have been a terror campaign against Jim, endless threats.

Underhill: I also have seen what I believe is the Underhill Rampart file, have copies, and find without substantiation.

Crookshank: tha name is familiar to me but I cannot now recall why. mentioned immediately to Louis, who said he didn't know it. Unless it directly relates to N.O., as you have heard me say before, do not give it to them.

Craig: I downot share Penn's confidence in his dependability. Were not here when I analyzed his annotations of his printed testimony? I saw him a bit when I was in Dallas and Midlothian last month. He impressed John Pilger o London Daily Express and he certainly seems like the all-American boy, pleasan and open-faced, but I've been dealing with so many nuts lately I'm perhaps ove sensitive. However, his changes simply are not credible to me.

Quotes from my works: by all means, as much as you want. That im foreword is really a fine piece of writing, I think his best. When you are in touch with WDGY again, p ease give them my thanks and offer me by phone if the do that. I've done as much as four uninterrupted hours from here that way, via a conference-phone setup, which is no sweet for me or them, as long as the lis speak up (where you have the same problem in the studio).

Duarte: Unless your clipping has more than appeared elsewhere, I do not need it. I now have perhaps eight different issues of "Insight on the News

News story by you: good.

Your 12/1- Again I ask do not type on both sides of tissue. If I w to send a copy to Paul, Lou or anyone, it is impossible to make a clear one.

Nagell: if I didn't send you the clipping, as I thought I did, get when you are here. That file-drawer is so stuffed, I do not want to try and r anything until I can expand it, which I expect will be in several days, when new cabinet is delivered.

Dallas leafletting: All I recall is that Loran Hall told me this w I interviewed him this past February. There is no reason to believe anything says unless otherwise confirmed. Have you anything else? Seems to me there is something I cannot recall.

Thornley: let's check my file when you are here. We can also try t other approach, through your expert, comparing that draft with LHO's printing I agree, potentially important.

Lovelady: I do not agree shirt compatible with Martin film. Ther disagree.

Cole: addressed a stientific meeting at Walter Reed this past Spring, with Dr. Jack Nichols in group. [illegible]eck was singularly unimpressed, regarded presentation of NC material and woefully lacking in substance. If Hooten is his friend, will she go against him?

The law-student brief on the Heebe action is now academic.

Crookshank: be sure to tell me the story on him and suspect agent.

Numbers: the Bay area group has a list of, mostly phone. If Vince has others, he should supply to them for integration. They have done an exhaustive job. I supply what new ones I get. Paul and [illegible]im have carried the Hosty thing further, very competently. They have proved to my satisfaction that page was retyped.

12/5- WDSU film: get copy when you are here. I have original and Xerox. I have checked his habits, from which I believe the man who resembles him in this film is probably not Shaw. However, I will go over this with you and show where to look for him. We should settle it and get the best enlargement possible.

Book revview: from new slick, prehentious "New Orleans Review". Joerg is lit prof, former FBI informant (fear).

Roberto Martinez Martinez is "blong Cuban" in lit dist FBI reports. He says everything FBI says of him is false. I have him on tape. Located in N.O, Clearly not Blong Cuban of Quie's stories.

Cuban: if my purposes were to educate the man, I'd agree. They are not. We want to turn him on, on a limited aspect, therefore I focus.

Unofficial Dallas source: reference is to may to whom you sent material for me.

12/8- Re Collins: I think the man with the mustache is Claudio Cruz. Perhaps you have the other one in mind. There is one I do not identify. Moss is a former amateur boxer. I think he'd know anyone in that field down there. I took this up with him. Negative.

Hoy: just checking something out. Do not now recall why.

March appearance: fine. Why not include univ too if they'll sponsor?

Youngblood: check on Nancy, also Baxley possible misuse. I asked Barry to underteke that some time ago because he had time.

Breton: the name means nothing to me. This is something Bernabei undertook for me. We shall have to wait and see the results, is any.

12/11-Rose-McNabb. This was my first suspicion. I asked Jaffe to get me a picture and instead he told Rose! But Rose acknowledges there is a very strong resemblance to Wilson, says he is not. Agrees he is McNabb. Re; Howard, Hall, do not know. It now seems less important, with his acknolwedgement he is McNabb and initially held this identification back. However, anything about him is important because of all the bum steers he was in on, if he did not originate. Including Farewell America.

Ex 3050: This is Sprague's dept. However, I'm familiar with this and long ago decided Clements is right. My interest would be in what else may be in the picture. That the local Dallas researchers should by now have discovered.

By now Vince, to whom I spoke Sunday night, has probably filled you in on what happened in N.O. We can go further into it when you are here and read this, for he and I are not entirely in accord, except on what had to be done. In some ways I think he did as much harm as good, once he'd made the phone call, which was very impirtant. The same end might have been accomplished by other means. This is not in any way to belittle the excellent accomplishment that is his. It is to say there were consequences of which he is oblivious and he left behind things that will not be good in the future and will reduce his influence and effectiveness. This does not address itself to his intent, which was pure, or his accomplishment, the impirtance of which is enormous.

They want me donw there for the Shaw trial, before it begins, and I'll go. I'll need help that will probably not be forthcoming. I'll not be able to stay at Matt's, for their kindnesses have resulted in too many intrusions into their life and their privacy, and because I'll need a place I can work at night and in the early morning. A new friend seeks such a place for me. I'll have to be spending much of my time getting ready, making copies of documents to take, etc. I'll also have to prepare memos. I expect to get on the most important one today. But after the mail comes, which should be any minute now, and it is tended to, I also have to start putting in storm windows so Lil will be less uncomfortable in my absence. I've not had time for that or even to take the diving board in!

Looking forward to your visit.