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Dear Harold,

Thanks for your recent letters. If you get a copy, I would appreciate a copy of the CTIA's memo to Boggs. I think that you've been hard on Jim, especially since he is, as you put it, "in the middle." While I of course agree with your feelings in the matter in terms of Bud's usual failure to think before acting, I think that there was a bit of overkill. And, this all illustrates the danger in giving Bud information in my opinion, because people like he and Sprague can misuse it in a fashion which can be harmful, both to our cause and to people. From my first conversation with Bud, when he assured me that we knew who the assassins were, or at least some of them (ie. Jack Rich, lawrence, etc.), I have felt this.

On your new source of info, I don't have high hopes. "New sources" this late in the game have a low probability of being for real in my opinion, so that base rates are against it.

If you can spare it, I would like to see a copy of Garrison's letter to Joesten--mainly for perverse reasons I guess. I got Joachim's advertisement for his recent publications which include such items as that letter, the Nichol's suit, etc. It's too bad that he isn't more responsible, since I suspect that some Europeans interested in the case see it and could benefit from some of our less hairy work like some of the memos. I think that some of the careful memos done in non-security areas would be of big help in not only keeping researchers informed, but help educate them about thoroughness. But Joesten is a loss.

I will talk to Ned about the Newsweek thing. I haven't heard from him in a while. I assume that he has been quite busy. He is in academics and also in very big business and has a busy life. I don't think that he is involved enough in this to be a candidate for an important helper as you suggest. He does keep confidence and is bright. I suspect that his trip in January had to do with mixing it with a business trip and that trip may not have come off.

I have difficulty relating my reaction to your letter of 4/9 which related your long frustrations with regard to the farm, the overflights, and Lil's reactions. Because I care for both of you I find it upsetting to think of what you have been through. I guess that I would have, in your position, similar ambivalence about the court case given what a long trial (and cross examination) might mean for Lil. If the other side fights hard, you might get little out of it.

Jerry filled me in on the press conference. I would expect good coverage from Ebony. They usually have the space. We have discussed them before. In fact, now in retrospect, I don't know why I didn't think of that group as the place to consider serialization.

Sorry I can't be there this summer too. I just don't know of shrinks in your area but can try to locate some through friends. It's ironic given that I am a native of Phila. that I don't know any there. But, my training was here. I do wonder whether Lil wouldn't feel better on a mild anti-depressant or combination anti-D & tranquillizer. They can be very useful in times of excessive stress, and this certainly qualifies as that.

Your letters to the NY and Chicago Sun times were good. The Rizzo clipping was as bad as everything else I know about him. With Tate, Rizzo, and Spector Phila. is quite a town.

Well, I'd better close. Please give my regards to Lil.

Gary