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Dear Boo,

Since you phoned a few minutes ago, I've been thinking of the problem of the airport party. There will be no chance at all of developing anything here, but I will try. There are a few things I have in mind. Chances slight.

However, there are some things that can be done there. Dona McCloskey could be the key and I am satisfied she will be helpful. The last night I was there we met at Preservation Hall and had a nice talk. She did public relations there, got screwed, etc. Here is what I suggest, before subpoenaing their records:

Find out what cab or limousine service they use, if any;

Who entertained the - what fancy homes they were taken to;

What prominent establishments they visited - hospitals; industrial plants, etc;

Perhaps, if records are kept by date, check the duty-free store at the airport, where purchases might have to be recorded (although with diplomatic status this could be unnecessary, they might have made purchases for their hosts);

Whose private cars, if none hired;

Who on paper wrote the story? Perhaps he or she recalls what you want to know.

Most important of all, it is usual to take pictures of such tours They are regularly used in public relations. I do not recall when Dona left there, but I'll bet she'd know where to check this out, aside from her files.

If there was a New Orleans Magazine then, that would be a good place to check, too.

Too bad we couldn't have been working on this sooner!

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