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Dear Russ,

Just returned from N.O. and bushed and behind. Interest in Mark is simple: he is using some of my material I was keeping silent about in order not to discourage those few Kennedy people who might be willing to talk or help. With this publicity, the chances are about eliminated now. He is using only the part he knew, that Bobby feared the guns between him and the White House, hence his position (public). The source told me it was the CIA Bobby feared, and more that I have 't time to go into. All the assassinations are connected. I have finished a book, COUP D'ETAT: I ACCUSE THE CIA, dealing with this, and can add any good material. I agree on Malcolm X but cannot prove it. I have another friend who is getting interested in this direction. The black groups have just decided that the CIA did it and there is no need of proving it, a rather juvenile and self-defeating approach.

Veldee: now you know how good the stuff must be! And how important.

Phantoms: I have but little, a tip that they take "bounties" from the CIA and that one of these involved impaling a girl to a tree and doing terrible things to her to get at her father, in Florida. Those I asked to check this out for me have been silent. I had asked originally for clippings. Can you ask your contact to get this for me? It would now be about 8-9 months ago. The Phantoms have since then considerably expanded their territory.

Your analysis of your own position seems sound. Hope it is wrong.

If you go to Florida, there are a few additional chores I might want to ask of you, like interviewing a few people, trying to check some TV news footage, getting a copy of a book, etc. Please let me know in advance if you can.

I am convinced there is something to the Abraham Bolton story, if you know it, and wish there were someone in Chicago whom I could reach his wife. She has not responded to my letter.

Excuse haste and typos. Thanks and good luck.

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Dear Harold,

I've been planning to write to you for some time now, but have been very busy with a variety of things. I have a couple transcripts I'll be sending you; it seems that Public Affairs Staff has suddenly developed a keen interest in what Mark Lane is saying, where they hadn't been interested in him for a long time. Along with the transcripts I'll send you some photo copies of some clippings and other things I've come across recently that are very interesting.

On Thomas Vallee: I've looked in phone books that go back to 1962, and he's never been listed. But the plot thickens. As you may remember, I have a friend who works for the County, and knows people who have access to the police files. A couple months ago, he had a man who was looking into some matters in the area where they keep records of potential assassins and other types, look up Thomas Vallee. While looking through those files, the person is always being watched by a police official, and has only a certain amount of time. The first time he was in there he said there was a folder for Thomas Vallee, but he didn't have enough time to take it out and look at it. The next time he was in there was over a month later, he went to take it out the file on Thomas Vallee to look at it, and it was gone. You can take it from there and decide what the implications of that are; I think there are many. Within the next two weeks myself or someone else is going to contact the manager of the apartment-hotel where Vallee lived at the time he was arrested

I've found a contact in Florida, and expect soon to get some detailed information about the Phantoms M.C.. One interesting thing that I've found so far, the year Kennedy was killed (J.F., that is) the Phantoms was a small motorcycle club that hung around in West Palm Beach, mostly, and most of their members were CUBANS. Since then they've gotten larger. I find the implications in that obvious, too. I'd like to know a little about exactly where you think the Phantoms fit in. My reason for asking is that many of my relatives have been fretting about my well-being lately, and I might be able to get them to finance a week or so vacation for me with my uncle in Miami; if what I could dig up while down there would be worth spending a week on, I'd do it.

I've been developing some interesting facts about Malcolm's assassination. Within the next few weeks I hope to send you a list of basic facts about it. It's amazing the parallels between it and the Kennedy killing. Also, it's got C.I.A. written all over it, much more obviously than than any other. Have you ever come across anyone who would be interested in either reopening that investigation or helping to find someone to reopen it? Dick Gregory is too involved in his own matters to get too actively concerned about it. I had a friend here who I was sure would put me in contact with some people who would be interested, but Dino DeLaurentis contacted him and said he'd like to do one of this guy's novels as a movie, and off he went to Hollywood.

I'm trying to get everything organized and move very quickly now, because I feel that my days in Chicago are definitely numbered. The manner in which I was arrested and charged has me very concerned. My attorney assures me that the charge will be dismissed immediately, and I have no concern about that, but the way in which the whole thing was handled: the fact that they issued a warrant in September, 1967 with no evidence, held that warrant for 9 months, and then picked me up "accidnetally" when I was in a Black neighborhood on the South Side makes me wonder about what else might be in store.

If you have any reason to call me, I have a new phone humber at home, it's 312-248-6082. Also, if you should be coming to Chicago anytime in the near future, and need a place to stay, I'm no longer sharing my apartment, and so have much space and a couple extra beds.

That's all for now, hope to hear from you soon.


Russ Trunzo