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Ray phoned me about this last week and reported its contents to me.

I told him he was welcome to tell Fonzi all I told him. I told him ~~that~~ that my source was the ~~APK~~/CIO headquarters records access to which I had arranged for a doctoral candidate whose father was a dear friend. Those records reflect Veciana's connection with it. As of the time of ^{that} examination, ^{1965 or maybe 1964} 1966 ~~or 1964~~, those records still existed. Roumaldi handled the western hemisphere. Irving Brown had a similar role for the ~~APK~~/CIA for Europe and Africa.

They did work closely with the CIA. One of the best known western hemisphere cases was the overthrow of the Cheddi Jagan government in Guyana.

I also told Ray that it was not unheard of for lawyers to alleged a CIA connection for their clients where they believed that could be of help to their client when there was no such connection.

The alleged Veciana/CIA connection in this letter also is not in Fonzi's book.

Why I do not know but important as he was to Fonzi as a source Fonzi's suppressing the fact that he was a drug case raises questions about the honesty of that writing.

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Dear Ray:

Finally got around to spending some with Veciana and, among other points, asked him about the American Confederation of Free Trade Union, the organization Harold Weisberg's source thought he was connected with. Veciana never heard of it, nor did he work for or know Serafino Roumaldi. If Harold can come up with documentation that shows otherwise, I'll run it by Veciana to get his reaction. By the way, Harold's right when he says that in my book I never quote Veciana as saying he worked for the CIA. However, in Veciana's drug trial in New York, which was a couple of years before I met him, his lawyer contended in closed chambers to the judge that Veciana did work for the CIA. That's on the record.

Hope you're well.

Regards,

