

9/18/67

Dear Hal,

Momentarily we'll stop for lunch, then I have to go to DC, so I'll at least begin an answer to your welcome package of 9/15. Of the enclosures I've taken a hasty glance at the Barb (good-but I have none of Sprague's work in PW. It is all mine. I'm delighted with what he is doing, with some help from Jones, but I've used none of it). I agree with the Minutemen stuff. That also is mine. Turner was brought into it when I asked Bill to interview a man who got in touch with me. After he did he phoned Turner, who went to see him with Maggie and Bill. It is these notes I have been wanting to see. Turner has been silent, including on credit. There is more, including several Texas angles I've turned over to Jim' and his people, hoping they'll follow them down. This includes another threat to kill the President, a "contract" for it, etc. It also involves Dallas people, I believe. There is a major Dallas police connection with the Minutemen and I've some sensational data on that, also turned over. So, I'm interested in everything that comes from it, but you see the origin. I wish that people would tell me only, because I can feed back and would like to be able to. I early gave Garrison the Minutemen tape I have. For a long time they did nothing about it. I do not know what they have that goes with it now, but it involves our interesting (odious) trio!

Jim asked me to go to N.O. for a couple of weeks, to work. I'd like to. I believe I told you my plans. I'll go back if it serves the best purpose. My plan is to go there for a short period of time when O In N.O. is out, and that, I hope, will be very soon. No news. Everyone stays so busy, I can understand some of my not being informed. I'd feel happier if I thought that accounted for 100% of it.

Dalzell may well be more important than anyone now says. I do not believe what is involved, never did. You will find Dalzell has connections. I identified some for Garrison. He thought CIA. I know FBI, which can be both. We'll talk when I'm there. Get a cot for me!

The real reason for haste in reply is so you can get a message to Jim Mason. I'll be leaving in the a.m. for Philadelphia. When I'll return is uncertain, depending on what I find and generate. I may do a late night radio show. If I do not and have no prospects for the next day, it is quite possible I'll drive home after I make my speech, which should get me here 2-3 a.m. Wednesday. If I do the radio show, that generally keeps me would up for a while and I might drive home from it, which would get me here 5-6 a.m. In any event, I should be home at the latest Wednesday late p.m., 6-7 our time- 3-4 yours. My wife will know if Jim wants to air me, which I'd like, because PW needs much help. I have appointments in DC Thursday a.m. and I'm taking my own pictures of 399 then, for a special purpose. I'm taking Kupferman to the Archives to see pix, etc. at 10.00 a.m. If nothing holds me up, I should be home 3-4 p.m. our time. There may be some new documents available then. I was promised access to some 9/15, but that, to me mysteriously, has been delayed until 9/20/ If I stay over in Phila and leave early, I may go to DC instead of coming directly home. Same time. Anxious to see them, perhaps a day having meaning. So, if Jim wants to use me, as I'd love, on KVBS, an advance, person to person call, will serve us. In any event, I should be home Thursday in time for all or most of it and can be Friday, although that is our grocery-shopping day. Perhaps we can do that in the early a.m. and be available. I want very much to do this, esp. now that I'll be going out there. It will also give me a different audience. I've heard nothing from Harv, who should be back, or from Dolan, who is without doubt embarrassed. You'll see O In N before I'm out there. Call to his attention that I made no changes in refs to him.

Friday night, our time, I have a meeting to go to. I'll be leaving here 7 p.m. our time, perhaps a little earlier. If he wants to use me, I'd like to finish by then and if he's not, I'd like to know earlier. Friday I also get the copies of the mimeo flyer. Please let me know how many you want and how mailed. If Jim calls, KVBS will pay. He can tell me.

I have to improvise so much and so unexpectedly, make instantaneous decisions, etc. I've decided to go back to my original format of two months ago, do the autopsy as a separate book, with a considerable amount of other related material with it, like the transfer of documents, etc. It will be as large as PW, can be larger. Without conclusions, which are not really essential, although desirable, it is about 60,000 plus documents. The documents can run 600-700 pages. I think I'll hold them down to a book the size of PW. The rest: Manchester, Schiavelli, and keep that text shorter. I've a third of it done, I think, on the text largely researched. With my doctrine: If Manchester says God is in heaven, it has to be wrong, any document is appropriate to that book, so this big accumulation will all fit. As of now this is the plan. Tentative title (double entendre): POST MORTEM, with whitewash and Kennedy Autopsy and suppression in subtitle. Opinion? Alternative title: Autopsy (which would look like autopsy whitewash on cover).

Have to wash and dress to leave. Will mail this from airport. Should reach you by Wednesday latest.

When I come out I'd like to be in a position to challenge Liebel in a way and a forum he cannot easily avoid. But not him alone. I've got some thing real hot on Ball, who is just a little too sanctimonious in all this. I mean HOT! It is in Post Mortem already, with documentation.

Every word on Allman can be very important. I've believed from the beginning he is the man Oswald spoke to. I have new stuff on MacEil, who rules himself out, how Manchester elected him, and only wish it were not true, for the material I've gotten from the files indicates MacEil completed his call at 12:36, which would be enough to exonerate Oswald and kill the report. I have the proof that this was known and suppressed. I think my Manchester book will generate a little warmth, also. Sprague has some new good stuff on and from CBS, finding film there they will not seal. He has seen Ayear (apparently it was dubbed) and some of Underwood, Couch, etc. Letter today. Just glanced at. Sending copy when I can.

We should be able to move, meaning our bodies and for most of the time, about the first. I'm moving things every time I go there. We'll be camping for a while, but the big thing will be to get the essentials for work moved. That about 10/1. We'll have a partyless line, 100% private. I already have plugs for the phone all over the house. The phone co says this will be better for broadcasting because it will be closer to a modem exchange. I'd like to be able to get a decent mike I can plug in, compatible with phone co impedances, and a head set. This will free my hands and could improve quality. I'll be able to sit at a desk there, where here I have to sit on the steps. Perhaps some of the people you know out there can get or identify this equipment. With the readily-available proper plug to fit the built-in jacks, I'd be in business.

decided to write Asmore impulse early a.m. I think it best to say nothing save to Paul, if you think desirable. I'd like to get that book out in a single piece. It is time the Center cease abdication, join the world again. They can help, if they will. My hope is only for backstopping, not for them to bear the total cost. I expect nothing, but though it worth the hour for the try.

Best,
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September 15, 1967

Dear Hal,

I am rushing this letter so that you can get copies of the Berkeley Barb just off the press today. A longer letter will follow shortly but I'll just comment on some late developments here that should interest you.

Joe Dolan had Garrison on this morning for about half an hour. Dolan was guarded in his stance being careful enough so that even two listeners not having much knowledge of either the assassination or Dolan's views commented on his guardedness. To one he replied: "I am confused... I know that the Warren Commission did a bungled and botched job...right now I would say that I'm ~~not~~ swayed to say that he must have something." The station contacted me beforehand to ask if I had any questions to have Dolan ask Garrison. I told the producer of the show to have Dolan ask four questions. Dolan did manage to ask one of them (about the coded reference to the local CIA in LHO's address book).

Garrison spent a good deal of time on the role of the Minutemen. Said they are "tremendously involved". Even said that some of those involved are out here in California. One other interesting point that Garrison said he was saying publicly for the first time is his saying that a "large percentage of Minutemen are on the Dallas police force" and that some of these are involved. He said he couldn't say this before but now he could. Dolan's response to this after Garrison was (in answer to a listener): "I must wait for judicial determination....If what he says is true, then we are in very, very serious trouble." (Emphasis his).

Garrison's remarks about the Minutemen bears out what Bill Turner told me the other day when I was over to his office. He said that the investigation is zeroing in on the Minutemen and that "an oil man" was shaping up as a central figure. Turner said Garrison could say no more on the phone to Turner and asked him to come to New Orleans. Turner left yesterday and said he would most likely be back toward the middle or latter of next week. We both speculated on who the oil man was and thought of either Grinnan and two others. Turner mentioned a name that sounded like Lacomb (possibly EL Hunt?). The other oil man I don't recall but my recollection is that somewhere in the volumes another oil man is mentioned. I could dig it up but will send you the info in the next letter. I also pointed out to Turner that William Dalzell (an incorporator of Friends of Democratic Cuba) might be the oil man. Turner said he remembered a memo he had on him but he may have confused him with Deslatte.

Jim Eason said he had good news and will be doing an all night show for a local FM station (KSFR) beginning Oct. 9 for six days a week from 12 midnight to 6 a.m. He says he'll try to get a call in to you about 5 a.m. (8 a.m. in Md.). On Monday Eason will be with KCBS from 2 to 4 pm for one week (from Sept. 18 to Sept. 22) and he may try to call you within those hours so be prepared.

Turner said that Garrison will be away for two weeks and that he'll be in NY, Chicago and other places.

I had intended this to be a short letter but it isn't turning out that way. Enclosed you'll find Joseph Ball statements you wanted plus partial transcript of BBC tape. (I'll forward a copy of the tape separately. There is a lot of incidental

intelligence to be gleaned from this. Note particularly the reference to Rike and McCreavey. I intend to have Penn Jones look into this now that he's back from his vacation.)

Hope everything going well with the new book. Let me know if you get any response from the Barb article.

Best,
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P.S. - It might be a good idea to send a letter to the Barb. I'll add to the story and give you a chance to make some points in addition to giving more publicity to your works.