

5/14/69

Dear Hal,

Hasty acknowledgement of your 5/11 w. enclosures. The Jesse Core story is consistent with what he told me but contains a few minor items I do not recall. I've no time for checking back with WDSU at this point for when faced with the options on how to spend time, that seems less important. Glad to have this for, among other things, it tends to accredit Jesse, who was in every way nice and friendly with me. And, I think, quite honest. By the way, Coporan, then news director, is now vice president of WTOP-TV, Washington. At least, one of the same unusual name is. He went from N.O. to WNEW-TV (Metromedia) in NYC, and Townley followed him there.

Haven't read Evens (very interesting in appearance though) but will tonight. Ditto for NSRP clip. Went to get this mailed when I go into town shortly. Is author anywhere given? Is "Candid Press" out there? Do you know address? I'm interested in the pictures, for which no credit is given.

Gary loaned me his 4/26/68 LIFE and I've copied that story. However, if you've any others, I'd welcome.

It is more than likely Evens could draw on FBI sources, either directly or through mutual friends. Remember, Hosty was a good friend of Surrey, etc.

Crisman: I think he was connected with nothing except Turner. Incidentally, to give you a personal evaluation of Turner's honesty, why not ask Gary if he can supply knowledge on whether or not Turner could have known who in Wilmington sent him the Nagell card. He lied to you, for no good reason, and this is not inconsistent with his hotel career. I wish you people out there could and would face the Turner reality. Take Crisman: Garrison had all of Turner's "knowledge" and he had Crisman before the grand jury and what happened? Have you heard a word since? Have you the remotest concept of how ruinous (and how close to totally ruinous) Bradley (also Turner) was? I worry much about this and the unfortunate carelessness of which I also have been guilty.

Best to everyone.

May 11, 1969

Dear Hal,

Just received your letter of May 7th yesterday and am replying so that you will receive this, hopefully, by Tuesday.

First, there are the several enclosures. The most interesting one is that of the long review by Medford Evans in American Opinion, May, 1969. In my last letter to you I called your attention to this review but since then I noticed another review by him in the same issue published on the page before that is also quite interesting. This deals with Uris's book, "Topaz", and appears to confirm your suspicion about Andre Devereaux being none other than de Vosjoli, described here as the former chief of French Intelligence in the U.S. You'll notice that it refers to de Vosjoli as a "Life contributor" and mentions several Life articles by him, one of which I had previously referred you to in one of my letters that has his photo. (This was the April 26, 1968 issue and I shall again try to get this so you can have it. Incidentally, in my letter to you mentioning de Vosjoli (see my letter of 3/22/69) I had incorrectly stated that he was 4'5" tall and bald. I was in error here and that should have been that he is 4/5 bald. (In other words, almost completely without hair. I misread Jim Schmitt's notes on this).)

The Jesse Core interview which I obtained from KCBS is also enclosed. This is the one that refers to the memo which he sent Shaw. Mention there is made of the Cuban exiles having picketed the Trade Mart during the Bay of Pigs aftermath. Do you know of anyone who has photos or films of this event? (Recall that I had mentioned this picketing to you in a previous letter). There may have been press accounts in the New Orleans papers at the time and it would be a reasonable guess to assume that WDSU-TV had their men down their filming. Don't you think it would be quite valuable to get a hold of photos or film from them to see who shows up in them? Who knows, perhaps some of Oswald's friends may appear.

Almost forgot to mention: When I showed my friend Tom Sanders the article by Medford Evans, he recalled having met him in Dallas back in the summer of 1954. He recalled that it was late at night and that Evans worked in a building which Tom believes H.L. Hunt owned. He believed this to be a publications building and there were signs in it that read "H.L. Hunt Oil Co." Tom got into a heated political discussion with Evans who was quite hostile toward him. It was Tom's recollection that a Lynn Landrum, an editor or columnist of the Dallas Morning News, may have referred Tom to Evans. Landrum wrote a right-wing column and was the News's flunky editor. One thing that Tom did recall at the time was that during his discussion with Evans it appeared to Tom that Evans had a pipeline to the FBI. It was more than just a feeling on the part of Tom as he goes over his memories.

Tom said he also believed that Evans was an English professor who taught at some small college or University in Louisiana but he couldn't recall the name.

Recently I came across Crisman's name in an old pocketbook called "Behind the Flying Saucers" written by Frank Scully. According to it Crisman was active in ~~the~~ reservist affairs of the Air Force (1947) and at the time of the first accounts of the flying saucers was "ordered to take a flight to Alaska an army plane". The point that was being made that if Crisman were indeed involved in a hoax involving Flying Saucers the Air Force would hardly be putting its trust in a man who

supposedly perpetrated the hoax.

I don't say I believe all this but Larry Haapanen is looking into details of this for me and whatever he comes up with I will let you know. (I wonder if Sylvia Meagher knows of Crisman's association with the so-called flying saucer hoax?).

~~Well~~ Well, must close now as I want to send this off. Hope you'll find the enclosures interesting and of some help.

Best,

*Hal*

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