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Dear Js,

With my mind taken by the Garrison arrest, a stack of mail and company coming for the weekend, I've laid writing aside to catch up on the accumulation. I've gone over the clippings on foundation, copied the page of special interest, and return them herewith. I have a large file on this but mislaid it in moving here. Thanks. Re: Amsterdam News, I didn't know of Jones' King connection, and they've expressed no interest since, but they are the only black publication to report my 5/4 press conference in NYC. They gave it 1:1, above fold, pretty good.

Recent word from Memphis indicates that all copies of FRAME-UP disappeared in three days and orders placed since then not filled. The reporter who told me this two days ago presumes all possible were bought up by DA's office, which is a pretty broad hint to bookstores.

Glad something was of interest to the Mosochist-In-Residence in those clips. Ldl is still going over the papers for me. I've not even read what is coming out on The Pentagon Papers, filing them in case I have future use, which I doubt. Although other things brought the decision about, this also would have persuaded me to limit TIGER TO RIDE, which I've also begun writing.

I am glad that you are not considering it necessary to respond to everything. I sned you much FII only. There was no rush in giving to Hal. Where I did t is it was because I had insufficient copies.

The Spy info is helpful. I'll forget the battery pack, and if the rechargeables will last as long as the throw-aways, I'll get them when I go away again. Meanwhile, I'm using it on the battery eliminator, and it works fine. There is a Lafayette place, no Radio Shack, not far away, and I think I'll take your advice by seeing if they can supply the plug. It is your caution about the length that kept me from wasting time to try doing this myself, but there is no rush. I also find that in sound recording from TV the built-in mike is pretty clear. And I do have a charger. It is old but it works. The earlier versions of these batteries lasted less than half as long as the regulars. Thanks for the offer of sending the mikes there, but I'll try Lafayette first, and if they have the right kind of plugs, they can perhaps use one of my VOM patchcords, which use the old European plug, to patch that aasette machine into the TC40. If they can't, then I'll accept your offer. Thanks.

Ldl did a bit too much kicking in the pool several days ago and had a little trouble thereafter, but she is getting along remarkably well. We'll have a better appraisal the 12th, when she sees the orthopaedist again.

I have a friend who will send me (More) and I'll send them to you. No problem. The Chi Journalism Review, which I see but infrequently, is a bit more vigorous. I thought the Loory piece excellent, too. I've alerted Ldl to anything special on POWs.

The gangup on Garrison seems to have been well planned. Those things you mention I have or do not need. My own thoughts are clarifying only slightly. I do not think this is isolated, and I think the bracketing with the threat vs the major media is not necessarily accidental. If you have anything at all on Parahing Gervais I'd appreciate copies and if there is any restriction, please specify, because I want it for background a very skeptical reporter whose anti-Garrison paper also has doubts. I have the N.O.Mag piece on his resignation and stealing of the boodle, George Lardner's interview of I think about 3/17 (a Sunday piece on how PG fframed, either way). I can't picture RH tangling with the mob without unusual pressure. If I can't picture JG consciously taking graft, I can picture him accepting money from any source for his investigation. But if he were going to take graft, he'd not be in hock for his house. When I last heard he owed the \$50,000 he had from the day of purchase several years ago.

That deal took much arranging. I have no doubt of the rest of it. At least one reporter may well have been in on the fed side from a question asked at the court house where Jim's reply may have been a lie that can be used to undermine his credibility in court. The undoubtedly have all his income and expenditures for his special fund, through discovery by Shaw's lawyers. Nothing I see has carried the AP A wire story or stories. UPI's followup says a 113-page affidavit was filed. In it, I think a careful reading will have most of the JG stuff depend on FG's word, with a bit of bugging and tapping at the end only, and with some self-serving words by FG, who was setting it up. He is large enough, by the way, to have carried a relatively large FM set without bulging.

I have nothing on the Bradley suits. When you have all your clips, what will tell me what is involved would be welcome. He was here, I helped him, he promised not to sue Penn Jones or the San Diego Committee, promised to send me stuff on the extremists who set him up, Aydelot and Dennis Mowrer, and then sent nothing. I hear he has also been making noises about suing me. Maybe I'm Doe? But if he does and anyone out there wants to do something about him, I'm the man to do it through, because as he knows, I not only saved him worse than he got but also said, in public and in Calif., that I had no reason to suspect him in any way and that his politics are his own affair. Thus discovery from me could be safer, for others did malign him. He appears to have written something about me, but my source has not responded to a request for it. As a matter of act, I think he may have a case of malice against some of the others, but actual damage to him can't be great, not with what he has been into.

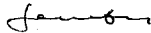
If the McD's are to go to the Bay area, you will have heard from them by the time you get this because he is due in the office in 8 days. I hope you meet them.

Things look up, your appreciated hope, only in terms of the potential of my work. Not in any other way. I have just prepared an in forma pauperis for the district court and our financial situation is a bit worse. We haven't on hand what we need for this month's bills. If the publisher comes through with another part of the "advance", the last of which was due 5 months ago, we'll skim through this emergency. They promised to send a check yesterday...The Archives has not complied with its promises in court and that may help a bit. I'll be writing them today or tomorrow...For fun! I wrote Helms as director of the CIA at Langley and the letter was returned today, "addressee unknown". I made a state and gave it to the PM for forwarding under cover...If there were any way of reaching the right people on the Times or Post now that Mitchell has threatened them, good things could happen.... I'll probably figure out another approach over the weekend. Our best and our thanks.

Sincerely,

30 Jun 71

Thanks for the Buchwald piece on "Cronkite and Crocker at 'Cake Control'." How did you know I have a file - kept purely for the pleasure of it - on Daddy's Precious Little Princess? What a shame we couldn't have had the palace guard uniforms to add to the spectacle of RMH and TN descending the staircase to the blast of trumpets.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James".

Masochist-in-residence

#X 30 June 1971

Dear Harold:

This will be fairly brief, to clear away a few pending items before we start another seven-day work week tomorrow.

I put your tape recorder questions to our local Sony dealer, Accurate TV & Electronics, and the AK2 rechargeable battery pack you inquired about is \$27.50. It's rated to run your recorder for three hours without recharging, which takes 23 hours. This is a pack, not four separate penlight size batteries, and comes with its own recharging unit.

What would appear to be a better deal from your standpoint might be four penlight GE Permacells, which are nickel-cadmium batteries and rechargeable. Four cost about \$7.00. They should be rechargeable with your power unit that came with your tape recorder, the dealer thinks. If not, they certainly should be rechargeable with your own recharger. They are good for an estimated 1,000 rechargings. I think he said they should operate your recorder for about 7 hours with each recharging, but this sounds a bit too good to be true. In any case, he says the alkaline batteries like those that came with your recorder are not rechargeable. Either the pack or the rechargeable batteries can be used as batteries only when carried. On the question of plugs to adapt your other-make mikes to your Sony, he throws up his hands at trying to fit them from this distance. The only way to do this, he says, is to have the mikes in hand to see what kind of plugs THEY use. If you want to send the mikes here, he will try to fit them, but suggests you would do better taking your recorder and the mikes in to a dealer (not necessarily Sony) and see if they have the required adapter plugs. Radio Shack is a good place to start trying. I believe they have outlets all over the country.

If you should send the mikes here for fitting, Accurate of course has more tape recorders like yours to work with. Sony uses standard size miniplugs. The problem in finding adapter plugs arises mostly in variations among other plugs in the length of the on-off circuit ~~prong or the distance between that and the mike-circuit prong, or in the form of the on-off circuit prong~~ prong or the distance between that and the mike-circuit prong, or in the ~~form~~ form of the on-off ~~circuit prong~~ circuit prong which in some cases is female rather than male.

We're extremely sorry to hear about Mrs. Weisberg's knee, and hope she continues making progress and that the painful part is over.

And before I forget it, we want to thank you very much for sending us that introductory copy of [MORE], which we had heard about but never expected to see. I've not had time to look into it much, but Jenifer has gone through it rather thoroughly and is much impressed, particularly with Loory's piece on the games Nixon has been playing with the POWs. She's been keeping a file on that, with her special brand of quiet fury, and greeted it with what used to be referred to as a glad cry.

~~Remembering that~~ Remembering that you no longer get a New Orleans paper, here's a brief rundown on a few things that have been happening there in case you've missed them. If you want copies of our clippings on any of these just say so; we'd be pleased to oblige.

May 27 -- U.S. District Judge Herbert Christenberry issued a permanent injunction forbidding Garrison to prosecute Clay Shaw for perjury. He ruled that it constituted harrassment and that because of his book, Garrsion had a substantial financial interest in ~~continued~~ prosecution.

May 28 -- Garrison said he wasn't ~~surprised~~ surprised, that they had been fighting the feds for three years etc. He hemmed and hawed around and said he would not decide whether to appeal the ruling (to the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, which named Christenberry to decide the case) until he had conferred with his staff.

May 31 -- Garrison says he will appeal.

June 1 -- ~~Jack Warlaw says~~ Garrison issues a six-page statement ~~blasting~~ Judge Christenberry for two "untruths" in his ruling -- that the DA was prosecuting Shaw in bad faith and that he had a financial interest in doing so. "This appointed federal employe has no business nor has he any just authority whatsoever to enjoin elected officials of the state of Louisiana from doing their duty." In a separate by-liner, Jack Warlaw comments that the DA, in openly defying a federal judge, is lining himself up with people like George Wallace in open defiance of federal authority and adds Garrison is reported to be considering supporting a personage for governor who in the past has opposed federal desegregation efforts. The personage is not named.

June 3 -- The States-Item calls for the state bar to investigate Garrison.

June 21 -- William Alford resigns as ~~chief~~ chief assistant DA, charging Garrison with knowingly permitting crime to flourish and fixing cases in Criminal District Court. He names no other names, however.

June 22 -- DA says Alford's charges are political, an early gust of political winds. "Just a few months ago Mr. Alford was ~~urging~~ pressing me to run for governor. Since I decided not to run but rather to support someone else, I expect that he has hitched his wagon to another star."

The States-Item, on an inside page, says that Garrison filed his appeal against Christenberry's ruling the day before with the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals. The States-Item editorially berates Louisiana politicians for not having guts enough to come out openly against Garrison.

June 9 (meanwhile) -- States-item carries a "special to the States-Item" story from Los Angeles that Edgar Eugene Bradley today filed a \$1.5 million damage suit against six defendants who he says falsely tried to link him with the JFK assassination. Defendants are Mark Lane, Westinghouse Broadcasting Co. of San Francisco, the Assassination Inquiry Committee (San Diego?), The Los Angeles Free Press, the New York Free Press, and Carol Aydelotte. Allges the stories carried about him ruined his

chances at the time of becoming a Republican candidate for Congress, and that he did not run for the office.

In our files is an AP story published in the States-item dated July 10, 1969, to the effect that the day before Bradley had sued in Los Angeles for \$1.5 million, naming all the above defendants except ~~Max~~ Aydelotte, but also naming a NY Freep reporter ~~Max~~ named Jay Singer, a man identified only as Wesley Brice, and 50 John Does. We have nothing on the disposition, if any, of this earlier suit.

We note your reference to the most recent suit in your carbon dated 6.14.71 and addressed to Hal.

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Looking back through your correspondence going back to May 22, I find little for which I can supply meaningful answers. ~~Janifer~~  
~~is making a copy of a Harvard directory for you~~

We look forward to seeing the McDonalds and hope they make it up this way. They sound most interesting, and thanks for steering them this way.

We have several items from you which you asked be shown to Hal. This will be done, when we see him. It's been quite some time now. He called recently when he finally got his phone out in, but since then, nothing further.

We don't monitor Eason often enough to have a valid opinion, but from what little we have been able to listen to, he has pretty much turned around on a number of subjects. His silence to you is certainly not inconsistent with such an impression.

I apologize for this jerky attempt to bring ourselves up to date, further confused by a typewriter whose margin stop has suddenly gone haywire.

Best as ever, and we hope things are looking up.



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