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Dear Js,

For whatever it is worth to you, my hunch is that JG is framed. You know the nature and seriousness of my disagreements with him and that we are rarely on speaking terms, so this is not partiality. I am not alone in having this suspicion. Even the Wash Post, which can qualify for first place in the line of his enemies, has serious doubts. Gervais, who I know well, would never have done this unless they had enough on him to put him away for good. In this event, he'd have opted for spending the rest of his life in luxurious hiding, something not exceptional for FBI informants of sufficient importance to them. Gervais will be hiding not from JG but from those who put up the boodle. Like Mafia.

In my limited acquaintance with the demimonde, he is by far the most honest crooked cop I've ever met, holding forth quite openly on his framing, his boodl-taking and even stealing, getting that of the other crooks when he could. But he seemed to have a genuine interest in Garrison, a genuine liking, reciprocated. JG trusted him when he trusted nobody else.

Anyway, while I'm not getting the N.O. papers any more (I do have the "P" clip on Alford's resignation of I believe the 23rd), I also do not want you to go to the trouble and expense of copying. If I do not get them from another source, I may ask. I'd like to stay on top of that. And I think it may well be a bit larger than just getting JG. I've been attracted by the number of times Agnew has been there, for one example. Aside from any incognito trips, at least 6. Just to see a Greek pal?

Part of the official story has not been reported (like the take of up to \$6,000 told privately while the public figure is \$1,500), part, I think, has been withheld (Alford could be one), and part of what is alleged is senseless, like the raids that confiscated so many machine outside his jurisdiction cut his take.

Perhaps time will tell us the truth. Until then, despite my own unpleasant experiences, I remain skeptical. And of one thing I'm sure: it took a lot of leaning, an awful lot, for Perhning Gervais to do this, for he loves his fine and lavish life much too much to throw it away or to spend it in hiding. He, himself, must have been the focus of an enormous FBI/ IRS job for some years. I know IRS was working on JG in 1968 and got nowhere with his income tax. They also seem to have thrown him in with a bunch on whom they do have what they can't on him, so some of it will rub off before a jury and in the press. I suspect somebody had something on Captain Soule before he was assigned to JG, which the PF does. I was immediately curious about why a captain is content to be assigned to work as a private and under a sergeant, as he did in JG's office.

no response needed.

Best,