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I've been away better than three weeks, back half of one, and I still have things in stacks all over the place. I'm mixing each thing I have to do so I can get some of all done. Today is the first I've permitted myself to get up at the once-customary early hour, for the pace at which I went was quite tiring. Also, the results were worth it. Sorry I can't go into details, but I think this was my most successful trip. It includes the establishing or meaningful and productive contacts with what has come to be called "the other side". I have opened two new sources of official nature to us, out of town, and have left behind someone competent to explore those files, which I've merely scanned, inadequately. These two will have to be of a confidential nature for a while. I've also gotten some of this "other side" to talk to me, and the result, again, has been worthwhile. They have given me good information. I do credit it.

There are eight mailing I know will be worthwhile from you. I will not begin to go over them, but I also know that all I'll be able to do with much is make new stacks at which I can whittle away between other things ... On Jack Anderson, we now get two versions of his column, one in the Wash Post, the other in our local paper, which prints i. all, never editing, so don't bother with sending them from the NYPost, thanks.... The N.O., mairjuana case, the 50-year sentence: this is what I'd have expected of JG, some of whose best friends have blown the stuff in my presence. There was a good gag there after that or another of the many breaks from Orleans Parish jail. A sign was posted at the point where an alley going to the jail crosses Broad ave. (which is that). It read Caution: Escaped Prisoners' Crossing lour question of 11/17: I know of no association Ray had with the "Scientologists". He did visit a hypnotist, attacted by what a newspaper ad said, kind of on a Dale Carnegie kick. But if he had associated with such, the fact remains that there is no evidence of any violence on his part, ever, and the evi ence that he could not have fired a shot in Nemphisxis great. ... If Renay sbook makes any significant mention of any family structures, it could be of some help, esp. if it deals with legal defenses....11/19:Turner- I know him. He admitted that 75% of his Ramparts piece came from me and content himself with the explanation that "Once Hal prints it, so far as I am concerned it is public domain." What can one expect from such a writer, such "principles"? ... Lamia, like anything by de Vosjolym could be interesting. And the source of CIA authorship, too, for I've postulated he is both ... Och: "y immediate problem is not non-performance, but getting what they owe me, about \$4,000-and we're absolutely flat. ... Ben Smith incorruptible lawyer, perhaps most leftward in La. What he did is predictable. Only JG could have fucked it up so. What is odd is selection of Smith as spec. prosecutor. I know him fairly well. He is an impressive man....Times' 11/27 story on SDECE: The few earlier clippings, which do not mention his name, I'd already filed under deVosjoly (who merely adopted the de). I believe he fathered L'Amerique Brule, or retitled, Farewell America. (I saw Hillunt on this trip. He offered me a job as his writer!)....I" your 11/27, you begin saying I may be too harshly critical of myself. By younger friends think the opposite ... There is almost no cannoe for paperback success without good hardback sales (F-U)./...I have the material for the breakthrough, but can't get it printed. And can't take time to rewrite not only because of all the other things I must do but because I have learned that it makes no real difference. I've been through itbefore.... I'll read Riley memo with interest. Thanks. ... The rest of this large and valuable mailing is already stacked for careful reading. Glad to have an extra copy of the Belin thing. Tragically, brilliant Sylvia has not been able to keep her political thinking up to date, didn't realize that she was at best engaged in what today is a dated futility or at worst(as as I had predicted to some of the younger), what could be counterproductive. It is our great loss that she suffers two great liabilities: the demands or her job and the handicaps of her sex, for she has an incredible mind and is so lucid!...To date, nobody has sent newest N.O. developments, so they are specially helpful. I'm surprised that O'Hara would not entertain malfeasance charge, for that is the one clear in the federal affidavits, as I alerted Ivon on redding them... The Walton book is interesting, as your observations apt. How I wish I could find time to complete Tiger ... I've not seen what Turner said of minuteman involvement, but they did threaten retaliation on Mik if DeFugh were jailed ... All the blacks have said "we know the CIA killed malcolm X" and let it go with

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that, persuading nobody... And the last includes the National Information Center piece. I tried to place a story on the Minuteman claim to the Village bombing. I have had their claim fo most of a year. No interest. not even in survivors. Joesten, I'm always glad to get and as afraid to read. It, too, stacks. I have a helluva himuteman file, from inside it, where I had a source. It makes the Anarchists' Cookbook look like pink-tea recipes....One of the tragedies of JG is that the real man, before sickness, is the one honestly disclosed in the letter to the Voice. I've seen other cases, one to me addressed, where on my word alone he was willing to rectify an unjust prosecution....Ben Smith's statement on drop ing the case is proper. I do not believe double-jeopardy defense was Garrison's only purpose. He put the feds in the position of refusing to help a state prosecution. Sciambra had accurately forecst the defect of no evidence to take to court to me in his critical comment on that ploy.... The nature of the malfeasance chrise is other than I anticipated. I'd expected a charge growing out of alleged failure to do anything when he knew of graft... Christianberry should disqualify himself but won't. He wants to get JG. I knew Smith would ask for a special grand jury, for I heard him announce he would on 11/22....from "other side" sources, 4 knew indictments was delayed by feds for consideration other charges. They did ponder including former Democratic USATTY Louis Le Coeur . Case against Bally window-dressing, for it will have to be proven that they knew intent of purchasers, pinball machines being not illegal in La., only payoffs in cash...JG had case going against incent harcello, here indicted....Conforting to know that holt reaped appropriate harvest....I've become so accustomed to Joesten that he couldn't ruin my breakfast eggs. I am fascinated at his infinite capacity for being wrong when there is no need and little excuse, as in the JG play and the assumption JG had himself indicted only because there was no such federal intent! ...long Times 11/21 Cartwright piece about what one would expect.

Thanks for everything. Best.

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Dear Harold, a few univelated Observations.

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