

8/7/72

Dear Harold,
Re: John Edgar

Hoover by Hank Messick.
I am one of the Hoover, Nixon on the Cuba vacations at The Hotel Del Caribe, a property of Sid Richardson and Cliff Munickson.

I was unaware of another on the Cuba visit - Jim Bishop. It was Bishop had carried a 300,000 Buick offer from Longie Zwillman to a candidate for governor as per Bishop's admission to The Kefauver Committee in 1951.

So both Bishop and Huie had ties to The Syndicate. Huie with Bugsy Siegel (We Only Kill Each Other by Jennings).

Mafia operatives could have been involved in the assassinations on the initiative on another force as per The Maresca-Naselli attempts to kill Castro.

Pure speculation.
Guess who has been

removing Dr. Wecht data
briefings? Your "Close
Friend", David Lipton!

"To his credit Lipton is
"dedicated", tireless, a
researcher of many areas,
intelligent - - - - . But
how reliable? I found
his false recovery theory
rather outlandish but quite
pedestrian compared
to his later positing
of agents who were not
really agents but doubles
of some type!

I understand
Cyril will be academic
and careful - the right
approach. As long as
he stays in the medical
area, he is great. Outside
of it, he tends to make
allegations of the Garrison
variety.

I hope for the
best.

Of course, a fixer
is possible, even
probable.

However, "hope
springs eternal".

Sincerely,



8/12-72-Ed-Your ¶ reports what I'd heard rumored, that Cyril has taken counsel with Lifton. It's appropriate whatever detail you can provide for whether or not sincere and bright, he is also a maniac, as everyone, including SM and JP and CRS had to know. SM's experience with him leads to some of her higher eloquence. Anyone recommending Lifton has to be suspect or at least in part demented. Thus, and for the future, I'd appreciate all possible detail. That Cyril is unaware is a mark of his own perceptiveness, discrimination and if aware, need I say desperation? Either way he doesn't wear shining armor.

I have Messick's Lensky and found it interesting (did you send). Not heard of his John Edgar Hoover, of whose vacations courtesy mob I had heard. Nor had I heard of the Bishop or "his" mob links. Both do interest.

Anything you hear of Cyril I'd like to know, not for use because I'm silent, but for future. You report he be "academic and careful". Unless some of my arithmetic has reached him, his plans proceed either. I agree there is no doubt of his fine technical credentials. Would you like a list of others enjoying them, on this case beginning with Fisher? In other areas? As of my last info, a week old, he was to see stuff week 21st, with JP and Sprague and Bob Smith (no says others) his "consultants". Pretty hard to improve on such "experts". How low can Howard's work possibly equal in value JP's ignorance; or Bob's Smith's quest for explosive bullets at this late date. Can "emerald's" work on wound begin to offer as much?

But don't let this discourage you. Nichols will follow. He doesn't need any expert. He makes his up as he goes. So, lucid as this evidence should be, we have a reason to expect a different focus. Thanks and best, Ed