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Mr. Paul Rothermel
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Dear Paul,

As you probably know the FBI has released its second and last scheduled batch of records relating to the JFK assassination.

I obtained a set in a civil action against Attorney General Bell and others.

Other things that I must do have kept me from looking at any of these records.

However, I do make them available to others. Two reporters were here earlier this week for several days.

As they flipped through some of the sections on occasion my name took their eyes.

When it did they made copies for me, not to disturb the original files and so I would not have to go through almost 60,000 pages to find them.

I have not looked at those copies yet and won't have time to for a while. However, because of what they took to be carelessness by the FBI they called the enclosed to my attention.

There may be more like this but it will be some time before I know if there are. But if there are I'll be glad to send them to you.

Gemberling is up to his usual standard and he sure checked his secretary. Like "libel loss" for libel laws.

If you felt the earth shake on January 13, 1969 it was Gemberling: "H. L. HUNT referred to is the wealthy liberal-minded Dallas, Texan." (Emph. added.)

What the reporters took to be FBI carelessness was not. It was a deliberate act to disclose your identity. I am familiar with FBI FOIA policy and practises. I'll not bore you with the policy, but believe me they withhold the public domain and claim the privacy exemption. If I had a month added to my life for each instance I've seen old man Methuselah would be a has-been.

If you will look at the copy of my letter to you you will notice brackets around your name and address. These are the marks of the FBI FOIA analyst who makes the initial review of the records. Material enclosed within the brackets is recommended for obliteration under an exemption of FOIA.

Someone above him decided otherwise.

Gemberling plays a sure thing when he can: "The files of the Dallas office contain no reference to RENE LAMAREE." (Sic.)

I don't know how many sets of these records the FBI sold. I know AP, UPI and the Washington Post have bought them. There are sets permanently available in the FBI reading room in the J. Edgar Hoover Building. They have been talking about placing other copies in other places but I don't think they are anxious to. I'm more inclined to believe that despite the difference between their weight and mine they felt a little pressure when they made those noises.

My, if you knew the trouble the FBI has gone to and the trouble it has put me to over withholding of non-secret sources! And then they decide to disclose you. Somebody there does not love you. If it was a rare analyst reviewer who decided that the source exemption did not apply because there was no law enforcement, the privacy exemption did remain.

Sincerely, Harold Weisberg

New Orleans teletype to Bureau and Dallas dated 7/12/68 referred to the newspaper article in the "New Orleans Times - Picayune", of 7/12/68, wherein New Orleans District Attorney JIM GARRISON was quoted as stating his office had exchanged information with the intelligence agency of a foreign country. In this article, GARRISON disclosed the identity of a man he described as a former CIA Agent who had been working in his office for the past year. This former CIA Agent had allegedly been using the name BILL BOXLEY but identified himself as WILLIAM C. WOOD, a native of Texas, and a former newspaper reporter who worked for the "Denver Post." The article reported that WOOD said he became connected with the CIA during the 1960s and remained with that agency "for more than two but less than five years." The article claimed that WOOD had indicated he worked overseas and in Washington, and his area of interest was clandestine operations. He claimed that he personally trained some 1,000 CIA Agents and case officers. The article indicated that WOOD said he and GARRISON were brought together by a "mutual acquaintance" and that one of his primary duties has been "to think in intelligence ways" in relation to the investigation.

H. L. HUNT referred to is the wealthy, liberal-minded, Dallas Texan.

With respect to the chart enclosed, ANDY ANDERSON is known to refer to the man who was the manager of the Adolphus Hotel at the time of the assassination who subsequently became manager of the Roosevelt Hotel at New Orleans, Louisiana. The "WILL GRIFFIN" mentioned on the chart is believed to refer to SA WILL HAYDEN GRIFFIN of the Dallas Office, who is a close personal friend of ANDY ANDERSON.

The complete significance of this chart is unknown. It is being furnished the Bureau for information only and no investigation is being conducted and no LHM is being submitted.