

P.S of 6/20/77 to Amy Hirsch

Ordinarily I'd not take all this time and make these copies. I made one too few. However, you and David Hartman did appear to have interest beyond that of just another of your countless shows. So, having finally gone through the once-secret FBI records that awaited me on my return, I did find what is relevant to a few of the things I said that may have seemed farout.

Asking that you (pl) keep this confidential has several needs. One is that I want to get the entire file before I go public with any of it, which will be in a book. Another is that I do not want the irresponsibles to get wind of it and misuse it.

They will all be deposited in an unofficial archive available to everyone when I've obtained all I can hope to shake loose. I've had more than I need for a book for months but I believe this material is such that all possible should be available to all people forever, especially students.

The numbers you can make out, like 5546, are called "serials." They are the sequential numbers of filing and often are not chronological.

I've marked only what I recall as relevant to what I said that either David Hartman or Steve Bell, whether or not personally, seemed to question. This is to say what is relevant to those statements.

The contents of 5582 are of earlier date than those of 5546. From this I take it that the Memphis FBI did not latch onto the local prosecution's memo of its 2/4/69 conversation with the egomaniacal Bill Huie earlier.

I'm not addressing whether or not Ray or Huie were truthful. Just what came up on the show. If you are interested and want more information, please phone.

If you have any knowledge of criminal law these few documents would clearly be outrageous to you. Huie was supposed to be Ray's defender. Every piece of paper Huie received from Ray was handed to him by Ray's supposed counsel. Huie presumed Ray's guilt and wanted to talk him into to no trial, pleading guilty and naming presumed co-conspirators.

I've encircled what you might miss, the way St. Edgar noted approval.

On the second document, Joachim Joesten is a deceased nut.

The small size of the typing is because a reducing xerox was used in making this copy. The original was on legal-sized paper. The R.K.D. is for Robert A. Dwyer. Carlisle is a career cop who has retired by now unless he has decided that self-interest requires him to stay on as D.A. chief investigator. The others are lawyers each of whom has received his ~~xxx~~ reward, not unusual in such cases. Canale became a high official of a big bank when he retired in mid-term. Dwyer and Beasley were appointed judges. And the Public Defender, Hugh Stanton, forced on Ray over his objections by Judge Battle, went from Ray's co-counsel to D.A. by appointment. (Confidentially Dwyer's family includes one of my sources there. His brother-in-law was the prison doctor for Ray. Small world in Memphis.)

You will note Huie's offers to help prosecute the Ray he was supposedly defending for the literary rights.

"Groovich" is I'm sure the private New Orleans investigator Gurvich NBC used against Jim Garrison. Gurvich penetrated Garrison's staff as a "volunteer." In a short time he was also acting as Garrison's spokesman. Ended just before this.

In the third document you'll ~~will~~ see the FBI's persistence in interviewing Ray despite a longer-standing and more vigorous refusal that is here represented. To the FBI the Constitution of both a problem and subversion. You will also see what I did not know, that this early Ray was saying that neither of his first two lawyers conducted any investigation. And one of the means by which Foreman got him to cop a plea. He actually told Ray that if he did not he'd be "bar-bee-qed." You will also see that there was what was true from the first, constant intrusion into the right of private consultation with counsel of choice.

The clipping illustrates some of the trouble I have getting this stuff pried loose. I've made an issue of this and will be pushing it in court. They are suppressing ~~what is~~ what is public to give me a rough time. The hidden name is that of George Bonebrake, who testified in the evidentiary hearing by which Ray was returned to the U.S.

Best wishes,