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Dear Alan, silent one!

Here is my latest exchange with Healy. I know your great interest in him and his "paperz".

I hope that by the time you get this you have heard from Bud Fensterwald, who had planned a trip to New Orleans. He is perhaps the man most responsible for the enactment of the "freedom of information" bill. He would like very much for Sobol to have done what he led me to believe he might. If he has not yet phoned you by the time you get this and he does phom either you or Sobol, I encourage you both to arrange to meet him, if only for lunch.

This correspondence with Healy makes inevitable that when I am next in New Orleans Bringuier will have to serve me. If and when he does, I will be looking to the ACLU for help. I want you to know that I will be in New Orleans whenever I can, for there is much important work to be done there that has not been, and no one else is doing it.

I regret this very much, for I now have in hand more than I can write in the very heavy working day Ix put in were I to do no more investigating and to devote a year to it.

I have no spare copy of COUP D'ETAT. I tell you it can be and I think is a very important book for your area. An important national figure whose name I feel I cannot use, once very close to JFK, after reading my first four books, agreed to read the unedited, incomplete manuscript. He took it away for a weekend. He has just written to offer the opinion it is "quite a remarkable paper". However, I expect nothing from him but continuing silence.

A rather strange twist: I think I can exonerate Ray!

More strange, in a way: there is an exact duplication of Bringuier and his role in the JFK murder, by a man who, like him, was a Cuban lawyer, close to Billy James Hargis (who introduced him to Welger), and who also, with less success but more initial attention, performed the Bringuier role in the JFK assassination. This is not yet in the ms. because I am expecting to develop even more information on him. I already have more than a dozen pages of suppressed FBI reports on him.

With the interest on my towering debt due in a month, and I do not have it, I cannot accurately forecast when I will be in N.O. I do expect it to be by the end of the year. There are immediate and pressing reasons for my being there right now, but that is impossible. When I do come, I will not go out of my way to attract attention, but I will not go out of my way to avoid it, either. If and when I am served, I will be appealing to you for help, publicly. I will not be able to afford counsel. In the Dell case, I have it only because they owe me money they are refusing to pay and have hired counsel from this. They are so wretched that they even declined the offer of a third of the cost from Sage, telling Sage quite frankly they were taking it from my hide. An important JFK-Bringuier witness is now in New Orleans and may soon be leaving for Vietnam. He may not return. Another but uncalled witness has just been recalled from the reserve and sent there, in a non-intelligence capacity, though he is intelligence, fascist and I think very important. It is possible he, too, may not return. Many people will rest easier if both do not. This is why it is important that I be there now, for I do not believe anyone else knows enough to be able to do anything, no one else having studied or investigated this aspect. Best regards,

Harold Weisberg