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Dear Harold:

Herewith assorted enclosures before they get too bulky for comfortable mailing.

We thought you'd be particularly ^{interested} in the items about Shirley Chisholm and Pershoming Gervais. You probably have seen the Gervais stuff but the Shirley Chisholm story appeared only in the Hearst press as far as I know. She's the first black to take this stand openly, as we understand it.

On the Wallace stuff, we've made no attempt to be comprehensive but have concentrated on selecting versions you might not have seen locally.

We still incline to a probability that Bremer was under some sort of influence. The discrepancy between the shy and aimless young man described by his acquaintances and the breezy character who turned up at Wallace campaign headquarters at Laurel and said "Hi, Babe, how's it going?" is entirely too wide to be explained by simple schizophrenia. One shrink said he bordered on paranoia, but said nothing about schizophrenia.

Your attention is directed particularly to the stories in the Chronicle for May 22, followed by the Examiner of the same date, on Bremer's ~~travels~~ travels and mysterious traveling companions. The well-dressed man, described as of "greek extraction" recalls Jerry Owens' story about Sirhan meeting repeatedly with a well-dressed man who Owens thought was also Middle Eastern. The Examiner story also mentions a third person who was sitting in Bremer's car, who had long hair but could not be distinguished as male or female. If a female, this could correspond with the "dirty blonde" whom Owens said he saw at the meetings between Sirhan and the well-dressed man. [As I recall it, we dubbed a tape for you of an interview I had with Owens long ago, probably in the late summer of 1968, and sent it to you through Hal].

The first crossing Bremer made from Milwaukee to Ludington, Mich. on the ferry with the well dressed man was April 9. Ludington is on the east shore of the lake, about 100 miles northeast of Milwaukee. He made the return trip on April 28, which would have enabled him to get up to Ottawa where he is supposed to have been shadowing Nixon during his visit there April 13-15. If he went up this way, it's a fairly inconspicuous route via Mackinack Strait. The reference to his possibly shadowing Nixon is in a Washington Post Service story printed in the Chronicle here yesterday, which I'm not sending on the assumption the Post carried it and you already have it.

We probably appear to be plugging industriously this idea that Bremer was carrying out someone's orders. It's not meant that way. It's simply that with everyone riding off in the other direction, if at all, it seems to us there is a preponderance of objective evidence pointing toward such a possibility, and that it should not be ignored. Naturally, we are not exactly discouraged by the possibility suggested by Bremer's travelling companions that the same Svengali could be at work after a long period of idleness dating from Sirhan's capture. After all, gotta keep one's hand in, you know. We await your own ideas with much interest.

Best,


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