

Dear Jim,

Chastain as State Evid. Hrg. Witness

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When Haile subpoenaed him, Wayne told me he had written an article for Pacific News including an interview with Ray but it was innocent otherwise. Well, I received a copy of this story as it appeared in the LA Free Press dated 11/15/75 but written before the hearing and it has several serious flaws and errors.

These range from direct quotes I can't believe are accurate, attributed to Jimmy, to saying Wayne showed Jimmy pictures "of the man <sup>believed by</sup> Ray's attorneys to be the 'international gun-runner' and the trigger man..."

There is much wrong with it over and above Bob's initial stupidity but that need not concern you now. It could have been used to impeach Jimmy, too. Misused, I think.

What I find myself wondering is how Henry knew about this (FBI) and why he did not, in the light of some recent decisions, call Wayne and ask him to do no more than confirm his quotes. This would probably have avoided for Henry the consequences of asking a reporter the kinds of questions the press objects to.

When this is bracketed in time with Bud's phoney great concern over the dangers in McKinley's interview with Ray for entirely different purposes and when Bud was not only part of Bob's crazy stuff from the very outset and then just refused to do anything when I asked him to be forceful, I have great difficulty giving myself any kind of satisfactory explanation of any of Bud's conduct.

I'll be filing this under Chastain. It may be something we'll face at a trial in an effort to impeach Jimmy. I think if it happens Jimmy just says what is probably true, that Wayne has it wrong in those direct quotes. One thing that may have deterred Henry is that it could have raised the whole question of a Youngblood arrest and the probability that to rebut him we would have produced witnesses who confirmed much of this story. They would thus be left with a missing arrest record in this case, not good.

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