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Dear Steve,

Didn't get a chance to read your transcript of Epstein on Grant-KLAC until early this a.m.

Grant's instincts are correct. There is much more to the simple question of whether or not Novel was CIA than Epstein would consider - and how could he, ignorant of fact as he is and biased as he begins. I have much on that, can connect even that one simple thing, the "come paper, with the realities of the case, Ferrie, Arcechs, Banister, Oswald, Quiroga and others.

~~XXXXXX~~ If Grant still has an interest and wants to do a brief call, I'd be delighted. He may be more interested if he knows I plan to be out there and this can be a teaser for doing his show. I don't think I ever did him. Must be now or daytime.

Also, one of Novel's lawyers did tell me that Novel was CIA. I remember, I published this statement in New Orleans, and Novel hasn't filed suit against me. The New Orleans papers carried a number of stories on Novel as CIA, and he has filed no suit against them.

He left a note he had written to his CIA contact behind when he so hastily fled New Orleans. It was found and turned over to a reporter friend of mine. He then asked for help. NBC-Sheridan found him, immediately.

I will not say it explicitly on the air, but the fingering of that Houma cache was by the CIA for an additional reason: that stuff belonged to the French Deuxieme Bureau, which planned to get it to the colons in North Africa. I cannot reveal my source, who plans to use this in his own writing. He told me his source. It is both good and official. However, I could make a few hints without violating confidence.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg