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Dear Steve and Hal,

One Thomas Vallee was arrested in Chicago, very well armed (hunting knife alongside him on the seat of his car and the trunk loaded with rifles and ammo) 12.2.63 because it was believed he bore evil intentions toward JFK. This may or may not be the Bolton story. There are differences in the newspaper accounts. There are several things about this story that interest me and may fit with what you have out there on extremist groups.

Vallee found the Birch Society too tame. He also hated JFK. Now there was nothing in the papers at the time of his arrest. This can be accounted for only if there was an official suppression, for the dockets are public and the police reporters examine them. More interestingly, there was nothing in the papers about it beginning 20 days later, ~~11/22~~ 11/22/63, when it became hot news. Not until 12/3 was there any mention. This indicates either that there was a leak or that there was then an official change that impelled release.

I have no means of checking this out, although I have written two men in Chicago who just might be able to or who might lead me to those who might. I wonder if either of you might be able to get someone to check out the papers, at least, for the appropriate dates, and the NYTimes since then?

He is the kind of guy who might have been extreme for the "inutemen, might have found either the Rangers or the States-Righters more to his liking (Nothing more yet on my Archives checks on them).

Steve, you might ask Jerry Cohen for me if his morgue has anything on this and for copies if they do. And the order for the books Art said he was ordering never arrived. Nor have I heard anything from him about an interview. I phoned Cohen on the Thornley story and the Dulles sphens, as he asked, and he never called back. I did leave word.

What kind of song did you hear? How about the other pictures and the Xeroxes of the files? I'm anxious to go over them closely. Please send registered.

Hurriedly,

P.S. have to go to NYC 3/6-7. Unless medical plans change, take my wife to ortho surgeon for examination 3/8 but should be home that evening.