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Dear Mike,

By accident only I heard the White House announcement on the new records the ever-diligent CIA just happened to find on its drug program.

In this I may be coaling Newcastle but let us take no chances.

I had to go into town to pick up an envelope holding a file sent to me by Greyhound. Great service - costs more than passenger fare for a file! Thus it was I caught the item by accident. We'd been playing some old-fashioned jazz records. Didn't have the radio on from lunchtime.

Because it caught me by surprise I can't now recall if it was limited in this report to MKUltra or MKDelta. I think MKU.

This account has the administration not beginning until 1953, with some incidental mention of claudstine administration.

Inference used on drug addicts, alcoholics, etc. And Admiral Turner is willing to testify. (The newest thing is non-first-hand testimony. Spooks getting big on it.)

With a White House announcement I expect the ~~story~~ to get a stronger play than this radio item. If I get the WxPost in the a.m. before I put this in the mailbox and it has a worthwhile story I'll include it.

As you know I've not had time to look at these records so I don't know if they are the same ones. If you see proof they are not, it is past time for cussing the CIA out on other matters so this one will do.

Les Whitten wants to go over these records himself. He told me it would be a little while before he'll be free enough. However, with the story breaking he may ask one of his younger associates, like Gary, to go ahead.

I'd need to know which records were used if there is this interest. They'll look foolish with a rehash. So would you please keep a close watch on the papers available to you and keep me posted?

If these are the records I've had for a month and haven't had time to look at....

Either way, as you go over them please note numbers of special interest so I can call them to his attention. I'm still not going to have time to read any of them now.

I know nothing about the background to the White House announcement. If I were to guess it is in anticipation of an expected break of some kind, in a story, in Congress, etc. Maybe another suit to be filed or a trial in one already filed.

A Friday night story has virtually no follow-up. Nobody around to interview. Papers have skeleton staffs, etc. This is another means of downplay.

While I know little all my instincts tell me this just cannot be as accidental and as casual as the radio news item would lead one to believe.

I've mislaid your phone number. I don't know if it is listed or not. In case of need would you send it to me when you send something? Thanks.

There is too much atypical in this, except covering. Please watch closely.

Thanks,
with best,