

Peggy and Mary,

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My mind keeps returning to Harry and his/evill and what we at some point might want to know. There is no present need I can think of for knowing whether it is true as Harry told me and wrote in many letters that he has working for him, among others, retired Dallas police. While I cannot confirm Harry's boast, I believe it. I believe also that in the course of normal inquiry he would have no need for local police. Or for that matter any other police to take with him. From this I wonder whether his intent to defame others began before last October's ASK convention.

Waybright became friendly with Jack Revill. Revill has a daughter who lives in Virginia, not far from Washington or here. Revill invited Richard there and at least once Richard threw a backyard barbecue in Baltimore for Revill. He invited me but I could not go. I asked him to tell Revill he was welcome to come here and examine any files that interested him. I do not recall what response, if any, I got but Revill was never here or in touch with me. *Richard also visit Revill when in Dallas.*

Among the potential uses for local police is their greater familiarity with existing records and where they are. They may have heard local gossip and they may know others who may have records, as Paul Rothermel may have records going back to his days with Hunt.

I know nothing that tells me Harry had any reason for looking Rothermel up. Or Currington. Yet he claims they are sources for him. I believe this is probably true and that seeking vengeance against the Hunt brothers they are feeding Harry what he can use against them. So, I believe that something directed him to them. I am reasonably confident that it was Rothermel who gave Harry, probably more than this one sheet but that is all Harry sent, a nasty and incorrect political opinion from Sue Fitch that I am some kind of red. She never indicated any such opinion to me. She was quite the opposite, very pleasant and friendly. But when Harry sent me a copy of that memo, no FBI markings on it, it reminded me that Mary and Buck's friend Sue actually told the FBI when King was killed that Buck should be a suspect. With that kind of friend who needs enemies?

I think it is likely that someone with Revill's background would have referred Harry or Richard to Rothermel and that whatever else he did Rothermel might refer them to some of his sources of the past, like Sue. With what Harry was up to he'd be interested in all the gossip he could get. It is in seeking more such information that Harry might have wanted former local police to help him. It is also not unlikely that with an existing relationship with "evill Richard would have turned to him. As he might have on his own in any event.

I also call to your attention that Richard's letters identify Crouch as Harry source of "information" about us. I wrote Crouch about this as soon as I got Richard's letter. It was mailed after the internal date so I believe he may have showed it to someone for approval.

I cannot recall Crouch writing me other than perhaps once when he sent me the autopsy pictures. He always phoned me. I wrote him 3/31. I have not heard from him, by letter or by phone. I've sent you a copy of my second letter to him.

Among the things Crouch has told me is that he has a good or a close relationship with the Philadelphia FBI. Neither West Chester, where he works, or New Castle, DE, where he lives, is far from the Philadelphia field office. The FBI might even have a residency at West Chester. Or there could be a local agent or agents who had looked Mark up in the course of his normal work. While this does not mean that the FBI fed Mark all sorts of its crap on us, that is not impossible. I can't think of any way or any reason Mark would have had for checking up on any of us or of any source of any volume of information about us he could have obtained from any other source.

With Mary and Gary Shaw this would be Dallas information. And there is no reason to believe that Philadelphia had records on any of us. In response to my FOIPA request it told me that it had none or next to none on me and I was born in Philadelphia, grew up nearby in Wilmington, and Phila. would have been involved in any investigations of me, as for government employment and security checks. Of course, FBIHQ does have files on us.

I believe I know Mary well enough to be certain that she has led a decent and principled life, as I have. I've been in some pretty nasty, rough and tough fights over false allegations about me and my "security" but I've won them all and been found officially "clean." Yet I can imagine that dirty-minded and sick in the head Harry could well have had people looking ⁱⁿ such stuff and trying to find some way of misrepresenting it. For that, however, he would have needed leads and tips, or those with some knowledge. It could not be personal knowledge. It would have had to be from those who had for various reasons heard or learned about this past that the FBI liked to refer to as "nefarious." But there is no normal way Harry or his minions had of knowing of such things, if he has any such misrepresentable information about me. What I am suggesting is that he would have looked for local sources and this is a use he could have had for former local police.

The vehemence with which Harry denied Rothermel had been a source on me leads me to believe that he had been. He could have had such interests when with Hunt. And he could have directed Harry's minions to some of his sources.

Crouch I can figure only as with him having some kind of working relationship with the FBI.

Richard did not write to Gary Mack.

Best,
Harold