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Dear Sam,

Surprised and glad to hear from you.

Don't misunderstand what I was saying when you asked if the spooks do dirty things and I said they do.

I did not mean that they had done them to you. They's have to have what they regard as good reason.

If you can remember if you picked up anything that Garrison didn't have I'd be interested.

Big Jim had a vision and it blinded him to all else. Except imaginings.

He missed many chances that I know of and I can only wonder how many I did not know about.

and his people, although I'm sure ^{competent} ~~competent~~ for their usual work, were lost in this. You'd be surprised at some of the things so ordinary in their work they could not do, too. I think they were also somewhat intimidated by the whole thing.

We got interrupted when someone came and I was keeping him waiting and I did not finish something I began in saying that Garrison attributed his interest to Bong. From Dean Andrews, if his word can be taken, it began with Whitewash. Dean told me that Jim walked into his office, threw a copy on the table and told him he should read it.

Jim had a New Orleans press conference on his new book two weeks ago. He told someone I know that the press was not unfriendly. I've seen no stories and heard of none. Ditto for his press conference in New York a week ago. After that I was told he was to have one at the Los Angeles press club.

I was told he was to be on the morning TV shows out of New York but I suppose that first the Middle East developments and then the PanAm tragedy pre-empted that time. Keep your chins up. I've been down that road and in time, sometimes a long time, it gets better.

Have you thought about a novel about New Orleans, which is so different from most American cities, with some of its unusual past/history so few people know about?

Hope you rae having as good a holify as possible and that there is a good year ahead!

Sincerely,

David

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