

Dear Jim, when there are so few of us to do so much it is difficult to find time for anything, even to determine priorities. With what Dorland knows and with what I can isolate from it as not probable, if he had been willing to do what he was asked to and to stick to it he could have done much in one area. However, he is now gone and the time he spent is largely wasted. I'll get the memo of which you reminded me and read it again. I've taken it out, skimmed it (first page only legible enough, but can make rest out) and have the impression that even if it is correct it is essentially meaningless. Suppose those guys were intelligence guys, as I was independently certain one was for entirely different reasons? So what? Anyway, we no longer have that opportunity, with Hal's specific knowledge. I think that as of this moment, with out constantly shifting needs and problems, one of the more worthwhile efforts is to try to follow the leads I gave you with Public Affairs Staff and the names I gave you, which are all those I have. I mentioned city directories and phone books of the period, which you knew. There are some things I should have mentioned and didn't and perhaps if Elke is well enough he can find the time to check the government listings, phone books, employees, etc. The bureaucracy can't function without records. They are recorded. But don't talk to Marchetti alone about this. Let me talk to him first or both of us together. My reason has to do with the way people's memories work and I don't want him to begin with the wrong vibes about what he may not recognize if it is raised one way and may if raised or presented another and I have the factual knowledge you do not. As you will see when we go over that old file. I have the feeling that now is the best time to make an approach to Houston or his successor because they are in deep trouble over Watergate and because I have what can give them more - more than enough, if it can get attention, to make it impossible for those in Congress who are covering them to continue to do so...So, the first time you have a few minutes, please check those names as best they can be checked. It is not likely they will lead to business phones or business mail addresses, for I have the P.O. box their office used in Arlington, not D.C. and the tapes they picked up themselves. I have quite a description and when it seems possible know who to go to for further info. But that can be the last steps only. Guy would likely talk. Job might depend on it. However, with enough to go to court and having established the willingness, I think we should try to talk to them, when we can...I'll have enough time before taking Hal to work to read the Dorland memo but not to add to the comment I think I made when I first saw it three years ago. If it seems important I'll write separately. My impression is that I regarded it as an academic rather than a practical approach, that at most it was a beginning, and that it said only what we could safely assume to be probable. Maybe time will illuminate more. HW 2/12/74