

8/21/69

Dear Bud,

Thanks for your helpful enclosures and the letter of 8/20. Okay on Mitchell letter.

The enclosed letter to Jerry is so you will know what he has been into in the event it becomes necessary. This relates to what you heard on the air. AP carried a story I did not see in the US press. I'm trying to get a copy of what they put on the wire here.

I still cannot place the name Ralph Strater and it still sounds familiar. All the places you name are NSRP centers.

If the story Jerry told me, that James asked him down there and dictated the statement Jerry made, is at all close to true JE has to be nuts. I wonder if he was primed.

Jerry says CBS (I think he means KMOX-TV) paid his expenses because they wanted the story. The reporter was Berry Serafim. If you know him or anyone there, I think it would be good to get a sound tape of the entire interview. I want very much to hear how it was handled. That part also makes little sense. This is all building up to make any successful reconsideration less likely and may be designed to make it appear that JE is incapable of distinguishing between truth and fancy or is insane.

No date on Huie book. Dell declines any comment of any kind. They do not have me, I believe, and I also believe it is because either he realized he has none of them or they declined what he gave them.

I am being offered by a lecture bureau. I do not want to take the time from writing, if they can book me on this (these) subject(s), but the income is quite important. For this purpose I'd like to use the raincheck, if you offer them, on the offer of a set of your slides, esp. those you made of my materials. If you have Gary's and can include them, this was help, for he is too tied up with school-work right now to have it done.

I've corrected about 15-20% of the addition to COUP and Lil has just begun the retyping.

Had dinner with Bob Cutler at Boston Airport last night.

We'll be in DC 8/27, can be sooner if necessary.

I think the place to really lean is SS. If and when we do, I know just the ~~time~~ witness. I got the message three years ago! Why not draft a letter to Rowley, as you first suggested? Include everything here, for they are required to keep records, it is their essential function. My letter, or one of them, had the names on the Burkley from Bouck receipt reversed. And why not Archives also, for we have proof they have what we seek. They are SS cannot both say what they have, and if they want to let them, in court. In addition, Clark's executive order of 10/31/66 should cover this or we expose it is a fraud, a deliberate deception just when the government was in trouble. Besides, Rowley wrote me they conformed.

Let's you and me go to the Archives together 8/27 and look at some FBI manufactures. I so not need a witness, but I think you might like to see for yourself. If you agree, let me know so I can write and have things ready. Best,

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August 20, 1969

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Harold:

I am mailing off the letter to Attorney General Mitchell today and will file suit in two weeks if he does not reply.

Ralph Strater is a man who contacted both Hanes and Hill and offered to sell information. He worked out of Shreveport, Louisiana, but his present whereabouts is unknown. He operates through a lawyer in Indianapolis. Among other things of interest is that he, like Lee Odum, had a preoccupation in trying to legitimize bullfighting in Louisiana. My own feeling is that he is all humbug. He says he was approached at one time to kill Ed Partin, one of your friends.

A copy of the Bow St. Court Clerk's letter is enclosed.

As to Ray's right to copies of all correspondence to Foreman, he has a right to these in conjunction with his suit against Foreman. I believe Hill is the one that is bringing the suit but I am not sure.

Regards,

Sincerely,



Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.
Executive Director

Enclosure