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1/27/71

Dear Jim,

Relet 26 (fantastic postal service for a change!), a few suggestions and requests:

If you are going to do more than xerox your inventory of the declassified documents, I suggest waiting until you can go over the second list + gave you in the same manner, which should save you work, before distributing it. I think this might also be more convenient for everyone to use. Unless, of course, you will only xerox what you have.

The only urgency I see in this new stuff is in careful examination to do what can be done to diminish the possibilities for irresponsible or wrongful use, so the arrangements that can reduce copying costs are good.

The three things you refer to and of which I had asked, if they present no special problems, would be good to have earlier, as soon as possible, with two copies of each. There are two John Whites. Your hunch about the involvement of the Florida area is a good one, for I have private information about one by his name and that (not, from my notes, mentioning Mexico). The other one does have a Mexican-flight record, and again my info is not from the WC. I have one who has a special interest in this, and I'd like to attach what I wrote to a copy.

Paul Hoch had an interest in Bowie Cohen, I've forgotten the nature. I also have a friend who was his friend and partner (so here, please, a third copy for him). Cohen was a partner in the Ryder Coffee House, where both LHO and Thornley went.

Hal Verg had an interest in Kessler and interviewed someone about him, maybe also either interviewed him or had someone else do it. The recurrence of similar items in the declassified tends to lend credibility to the belief some such thing happened. In fact, even Dean Andrews told me of such an incident, but with a different twist. He gave me the name of a federally-connected whore who befriended LHO in Mexico, he said, anyway, including by giving him money. If Dean is not the most dependable source, he also has been both remarkably accurate in some cases and has told some stories that are partly true and partly distorted, in a manner leading me to believe the distortion is conscious and for special purposes. He also told me of LHO Mexican interest that Liebelier knew of and avoided in questioning him.

Appreciate the package I got yesterday. However, with stuff that is not urgent, it might be no less useful to hold until I'm there and have that amount of postage money for more immediate uses. Some of it baffles me.

Best,

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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Harold:

I will make copies of my list of declassified CD's as soon as time permits and send them to Sylvia, Paul, Gary, Howard, Bernabei and Emory Brown. I was not aware of the second list of declassified CD's at the time I made my survey, nor did I look at any of the partially declassified CD's. I will attempt to survey the second list as soon as possible, as well as any omissions which might have resulted from my own native and inimitable carelessness, compounded by having to make three separate trips to complete the survey.

In answer to specific inquiries in your letter of 1-23-71:

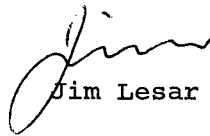
1. To the best of my uncertain recollection, CD 955 does mention Arnold Louis Kessler.
2. CD 565 does mention Howard Cohen, as well as Victor Cohen Char~~ff~~; at least I'm certain that one of the declassified CD's I looked at mentioned them both. I seem to recall, however, having seen this material previously in one of the Exhibit volumes, probably XXV or XXVI.
3. I'm fairly certain the material on John White and Mexico does mention a plane flight into Mexico - from Miami or the Bahamas, I think.

We have received the first 500 pages of declassifieds. Arrangements made for duplicate xeroxing will give us a reduced price if we make the entire batch available at once for xeroxing over a period of two or three weekends.

Mr. H. Weisberg
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There is a new book out by P. L. Thyraud de Vorjoli (code name LAMIA) entitled Lamia (Little Brown & Co.) I think you'll want to read it.

Best regards,


Jim Lesar

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P.S.

Enclosed are two poor xerox copies of goodreview of Kaiser's book by Harriet Von Horne of the Los Angeles Times Syndicate.