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Dear Paul, Jim,

I spent yesterday in Bud's office, most of the time going over complaints with him and his assistants. However, before he got too busy (and he was gone most of the day and hadn't returned by the time I had to leave), I did get to talk to him about making some worthwhile material available. This will be done.

I have had one of his files since early this year. He was supposed to go over it with me some weekend, when he was supposed to come up. It didn't happen. I returned it yesterday, for a number of reasons.

Much of it is from a confidential source, one he must protect. However, I worked out a formula with him that is acceptable to him and protects this interest, that no use be made of any of the confidential material except as an aid in further research, and that this be restricted to the four of us, you, Jim, him and me. In his case, this really means his office, for he has a first-year law student who will be preparing some of his material for the computer (names only), and this fellow, Dick, will be going over it.

After Bud left, I talked with Dick about this, separated the material, and left it with him. It may be that further concerning will be necessary, on parts of it. I suggested that three copies be made and identified by Dick, who would keep one and let you and me each have one. Thus, in correspondence, we'd all be making identical references to each document and all such references would be in terms of the work he is doing.

With two of the kinds of materials there will be little problem after it is copied. One bears no identification and will be copied as is. The other does carry identification, which can be and will be worked out in copying. The third will require paraphrasing, which I will do, giving them a copy.

Bud's Apoco machine was again out of order yesterday, as it often is. Presumably it will be repaired soon. This requires the copying of a fair number of pages, and while the total amount of time will not be great, it will take some, so I've suggested to Dick that he use odds and ends of time for the job, like if he comes to a good break just before lunch, or if he is waiting for someone, etc.

Of the things we can learn from this material is the identities of the GAP people not interviewed, that certain names are of GAP people, etc. I have already learned that the FBI did not go to further sources and known source for all the GAP records. The investigators, all former FBI men, were able to make this exhaustive Ferris investigation, in which they had access to police files, without any reference to any of Ferris's Cuban connections, or any that would lead back to Federal people, although they were publicly known. I found myself wondering whether this was merely instinctive. There is one thing of which I may not be able to send you a copy, but I can ask this question (and one of the things I have in mind is "Devil to Pay" and Jack Youngblood): do we have any correlation with gun-smuggling from Miami, discussed 8/15/59?...If it meets with your approval, I suggest that anything you may be led to by this material you send to me in duplicate, so that I can go over it and, where I know anything, annotate before giving to Bud, copy back to you. It is possible I will know some things about some of the people. One other thing: Dean Andrews had a much closer relationship to Ferris than had been indicated earlier in anything we had. The nature of the relationship is unknown, but it is more than fixing tickets in Jeff Parish and involved at least one nocturnal visit to Ferris's home. HW