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Dear Larry,

It is awful to be so broke that the thoughtfulness of a stamped envelope warms the cockles...Thanks.

One of the reasons I phoned you yesterday is covered in your letter of the 10, which didn't come until today. It answers the question of the notes. I am familiar with the practise you use, although in my day in your trade it was entirely different. No such possibilities. The earphone was a separate piece, and which it required little skill to hold it notched in the acromium, doing that and typing was impossible. The headphones was something no paper than had.

Have you given any thought to the position in which I will be if he talks? I'm then going to H.O. to check out a few leads on which I'm not really hopeful, but it must be done, si I do. I presume that although you make no ref., you tumbled to the significance of the end of the P interview. I didn't know it was by phone, by the way.

The other purpose was because I talked to an old friend yesterday, Marty Singer, editor of Saga. They are working on their own story on the CIA's domestic operations (did you not in recent Hoover stuff that Bulleg was used in southern/racial matters?). If it falls, they can be interested in the R/TV story and particularly in what ties it to the agency, like the states and tapes I have. I'm still willing to share, as we discussed, even if you add nothing. Marty may be able to use exposes your folks won't go for. 212/456-8600. Use my name, for we are friends.

Agreed on the sanctity of sources. My only point and the only planned use is persuasion of the bird whose cage is not gilded. Nothing else.

If your papers uses anything on 11/22, when I'll probably be in H.O., not yet in Dallas, I think you can do better than M. Doesn't your paper have promo people? If you are a free agent on this, and if you say anything in your writing, phone Alan Dickley at BMI, tell him I suggested it. He is a very decent man, knows the conditions of his own professional life, and won't string you along. But he can give you a better audience and they feed some of their AM news toother stations.

Nixon-threats-security. It is hard to imagine anyone presenting him with a real danger, because the left doesn't go for this kind of thing, except maybe for a few of the most extreme, but I wouldn't want to be the Secret Service on such deals for anything. It is not impossible that the phoned "threat" was arranged. Your Red Squad is the victim of its own propaganda and indoctrination. They do not really understand the left, any part of it. If they do, they are the first cops of whom I've heard who do, except for possibly a few in the lowest ranks never listened to. They pulled a great one during the Dem. convention, by the way. They paid all the film processors to ruin TV film. I think BMI outpaid them and got most of theirs back and good.

Jim told me about what he hoped to feed Anderson, but I forgot what it is. Anderson is hung up on this subject and creved me on my book, costing me time, money and possibilities elsewhere when my publisher had committed me to a never-used exclusive. I can't even get my own stats back!

Check on test. But don't allow anything bordering on paranoia to inhibit you. It is a kind of intel actual castration. Assume you have no secrets and do your thing. The only real concern is where others can be hurt. They you should be circumspect.

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