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Dear Mu,

One of those who have read my books and want to help has called my attention the remarkable parallel between the career of Walter A. (Jack) Youngblood, "hero" of a trashy novel ("The Devil's Pay") by Robin Moore ("The Green Berets", an apology for lower-level CIA types), and that of the man of the same name in Nancy Ferrin Rich's testimony. At my request, he has sent a copy of this book to Jim. I encourage him to read it. I stayed up all night and did.

Jack Youngblood is a professional gun-runner, a mercenary who worked for Castro for exorbitant "fees" until he became disenchanted. His ambition: to take part in an assassination of Castro. His desire: to help the anti-Castro Cubans in opposition to the official CIA (top echelon) policies.

This is, of course, a cheap and romanticized version of a sordid thing and a man without real morals. If you read it, or if Jim does, I urge attention to two other things: the activities of the author, Robin Moore, who is that kind of type himself; and the occasion individual word, particularly in the later chapters, that I think can be very significant. That's why this would be if there was this confirmation, in a real man, of her testimony. There is also an unnamed mysterious "colonel" in the book, the top CIA dog on the deal, also like in Nancy's story. There is more. But don't take my word for it. The book, like all trash, reads fast.

I have already initiated several efforts to get his picture. It should be available from the newspaper morgues. I'll try them when I can. Meanwhile, I am trying through contacts in publishing channels. It would be interesting to show her and others nice, clear glossy pictures of that sort.

His last residence known to me: Forerkans, Texas.

Also, I have had several long conversations with a woman with a strange history of being married to two men who in their earlier day knew each other and whose more recent husband is and was CIA. The earlier one, she thinks, was involved in the kinds of activities (Cuban) in which we have interest. His name is John Casenov. He was the subject of an investigation that reached her second husband's office, but he, apparently, having had all the records of his wife changed to the name "Smith", never acknowledged knowing this first man. The second husband is Al Drury. He appears to be a Nazi type and there are similar indications. He is fluent in Russian and Spanish and apparently had as one of his jobs the interrogation of defected defectors! It's a weird, but one worth looking into, and, as I can, I am. This also includes a CIA retreat in Virginia for men to be entertained by men!

The source of my lead on the book has an uncle who is a world-famous psychiatrist. After reading my books the nephew phone me for more data on some of the characters, spoke to his uncle, and informs me he would be willing to make an expert study of the book and send you a report. He says there is no such thing as a swinger. This is a latent homo, whose predisposition is to violence and who is almost always paranoid. Would you like me to go further than I have? I have sent all my books and given more information on some of the central characters. I have said that whether or not you can use it or rent to, such a study, if it does not begin with the preconception of guilt, could be very valuable. He would also be willing to be a court-room observer and/or an expert witness.

I've got an awful big pile of stuff to take up with you. How well did my fat bird sing? Is he flying farther.

Best,