

Jim, Bud's lunch with Marchetti would be an amusing foolishness were it not still another example of the futilities and lost opportunities his lust to do something personal and his denied ego drives him. So Helms rambled about the Shaw case at their meetings. This really means nothing, given the critical focus on the CIA. Maybe Marchetti didn't know anything, but if he did, Bud didn't know what to ask him. There are specific names about which he could have been asked, specific addresses, specific incidents. It is not impossible that he could have known of these without knowing their connection or purpose. There are things he could and should have been asked about Hunt and others, what we have every reason to believe the FBI didn't and the reporters couldn't. I did this work. Bud knew of some of it. This is but another example of those who can't and won't work with others, whose personal ambitions control them, and make the invalid accusation against me. I had thought often and long ago about asking Marchetti to see me but as you know, I can't afford to take him to lunch. If you want to try and set up some kind of meeting with him, you and I can at least find out if he knows these things or of them, the first step to seeing if significance can reasonably be attributed. You have seen a recent example of my reason to believe I know of and have been involved in such things. I did a little investigating. I think I located their secret office and have pictures of it, if he was there. They are reported to have moved it outside Orleans parish. I have met some I believe to have been their people, etc. HW 3/21/73