

10/8/72 Pearl, I was so trouble after the note on the Karnow story tha I got out and read my Striso file, our correspondence which he broke off when I set up the meeting he had asked for repeatedly and that which I have in confidence. It adds up as I inferred, if this is not a certain or an only accounting. I think you had better do as I've asked, and I again mean in your own interest. I also think I'd better get an independent appraisal, but would not without your agreement and then stipulating confidence. This cat has a clear record consistent with anti-Chinese intelligence with several covers. He had CIA-type connections with Cuba, Bay Pigs, mysterious disappearance (several). If all of what he said is true it is more suspect than if not. This one guy claims to have met Mao, Chou, Chu Teh and Lin Piao before takeover, to have been there for UNRRA and another agency from 1945 through 50, to have served none of them in a restauarnt in which he had part-ownership in Tientsin; to have journalistic and film contacts with Peking in recent years and with a Japanese photo going there and Hanoi; and so much more. Of course, early and accurate knowledge of limited aspects of the Kaplan-Vidal case and a clear fabrication that later surfaced with Garrison, the Bradley fake, two years before it almost happened for the second time and long before the first. All sorts of CIA, FBI connections, too. A Bit too much, Pearl. Caution! HW