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Dear Paul,

After we spoke last night I remembered a partially-retyped copy of that issue of On Target. I believe that Jim Lesar did it years ago. He is out of town so I can't check, but it is enclosed and I think you'll find it is accurate.

Also enclosed is the FBI's internal record reflecting the fact that I turned this Minuteman material over to them. There is a typo in the first graf. The date is 1971, not 1970, as the rest makes clear.

The obliterations are by the FBI. Incredibly enough they made a privacy claim to withhold, from me, the name of the agent to whom I loaned the stuff for the FBI, for all the world as though I did not know him. He was the local resident agent, Ronald Lichtinger. The Frederick auxiliary office of the Baltimore Field Office has since been moved to Hagerstown.

Ordinarily I never touch our copier because it has exceeded its designed useful life and I can't afford a replacement. It does it is and familiar with the adjustments, as I am not. I made these copies before she is awake so they are not the best but I think you can make the poorer one out OK. This way I can make the morning mail. If you'd called an hour earlier I could have driven into the post office and made the mail last night.

Last I heard of Gratwohl he was working on a book. Before then, according to a Post story of which I told Lardner and I presume is in your morgue, he was teaching his skills in California, some kind of State project perhaps federally funded.

While I doubt you'll have the need, all my originals, including all the news stories and my correspondence with my source, who lived in San Francisco, are at the Univ. of Wisconsin under Prof. David Wrons. He is in the history department and lives at 1518 Blackberry Lane. Good fellow, authentic scholar, and when his bibliography appears I think it will be worth a story. Bible of the whole field, all the literature, including news stories. It speaks very well of the Post's coverage of the House assassins committee. I sent him copies of most contemporaneously.

I've not heard from Boudin and may not. I asked nothing of him. But can you begin to imagine the law suits that can ensue?

I have a current source who was an FBI informant in the Minutemen. While I doubt he knows anything I wrote and asked him Monday, when I thought of it.

Years ago I loaned my entire file to a New York lawyer, Gerald Lefcourt. Your morgue should reflect the use he made in a Detroit case that was dismissed when the FBI refused to disclose its informant. He may well have other information you can use. I don't know. He had an associate in that case who was on the Rutgers law faculty. Bender? Don't recall name, not with certainty.

I have a friend on the LA Times who knows about this story and would like it. I told him I'd give it to him if the Post doesn't use it soon. Meanwhile, I've given him another story.

I'd forgotten about this until Cathy Wilkerson gave herself up. Then I called George immediately. In fact I called him earlier yesterday but he wasn't in.

Hope you have a good vacation.