JDW:What is referred to in the attached just grew as I wrote the memo, thus I did not make enough copies and ask for the return of attachment only. JL also is growing increasingly concerned. If this is not a Department of Disinformation operation it is by now immaterial and perhaps more effective as one if there is no direct spook connection. Actually, all parts but I meant mostly the Gregory/Grodin/Schoeneman/Jaffe et all stuff. If Groth did not take CIA training and is accusedoof it it will help him and CIA as Skolnick's families charges did at the time of the Hampton killing. When the realities are what they are, why exaggerate or lie? The continuing question is it just insanity? HW 2/12/75

Dan Groth/Arnstein suicide (Playboy)/Sherman Skolnick

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Late last night, just before I was going to bed, there was a phone call from a can identifyinghimself as Bloke Fleetwood, doing a story for New Tiree. The nature of the story I guessed after we talked for a while, on the Arnstoin suicide and Dan Groth's possible part in it.

I gathered Fleetwoods was not from Chicago. He had done some preliminary checking, carefully enough to have the old records on one Dan Groth handling property stolen in a robbery that ended in murder.

He appears to have heard of me more than from Eud, who he indicated had referred him and on the Volden matter. We discussed this first and I told him what I believe, the areas of doubt and what is not known. Whis led to Skolnick, who told him I had given him the Vallee stuff. We then discussed that and I told him what I think of it and of Skolnick and of the consequences of Skolnick's misuse. We agreed that whether or not he is crawy, what Skolnick does fits Department of Disinformation perfectly.

I did refer him to Finley by several mentions of Larry's name. He did not know LF.

I added effects of D. Huit manufactures.

He says he'll probably be in touch again.

As of now he seems satisfied that the case against Armstein was a frame to give a means of leaning on Heffner and Playboy and probably from those who dislike what he or the magnaine or the foundation do. Fleetwood thinks it was DBA. I told him of Anderson columns, of which he had some knowledge, and of the Conein interest in devices for assassination, of which he did not know.

While he seemed to know much about the Groth- even that he had spoken to the papers first en Armstein's death - he made no mention of the Fred Hampton case.

Felt I should alert Finley and phoned him. He had a call from Skolnick yesterday. S. told him that a major and "national" publication was coming out with a story that Grath was one of the Chicago GIA cops, inference either took their training, works for them or both.

Larry thinks that rather than this originating with Fleetwood it is senething he picked up from Skelnick, who has said it in the past, including on radion in Besten.

Lerry was not working last Friday, 2/9, when Dick Cregory had his second or third or ? press conference on this in Chicago because he feels he has more influence with the press there. Gregory was in the CDN office and in larry's absence spoke to a young reporter named Brown. Brown covered the conference and turned in a three-page memo, impressed by it. The new stuff includes the allegation that "artines and LHO were together in New Orleans. I'd heard of this from Mobert of folicoff and warned then that it was a crazy misrepresentation of MDSU footage I have. (It is not impossible that Robert "borrowed" this without my o.k. and coppedition of this distributions, inhoasothere them faithes inhom histographic beautions and the production of the more proficient department of Distribution operations it could not be more perfect in pursuit of this ends. Or in time of greater need.

Whiter says that in his joint appearance with Jack Anderson on WHET-TV, HYC, last night, Gregory avoided this kind of foldishness and went into CLA foreign operations, cap. WW, Chile, etc. Policoff is to have taped that show for me.