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Mr. JMS re Maapinen

Glad to get this serious endorsement. My own experience with those in the RW is that they have been long on talk and paranoia and short on production and persistence. I consider that they have wasted much time for me and I am dubious about some of their trusted connections. Hence I want nothing of mine to go to them. I have heard from RW that he was coming down and included the Nescombs in his plans, and I have the strongest reservations about their judgement, dependability and, aside from not doubting their genuine interest in case, motives and in some areas rationalist. Fred is weak and has done much harm, including to me personally. So, aside from old and trusted friends, I stay away from anyone who has anything of any nature to do with them. They have some things of which you do not know aside from to me that are not nice. An their liften relationship has been a strange affair, never truthfully represented during the period of which I know.

Having said this, and having nothing against Larry and knowing nothing adverse about him, I believe the Russian specialty should be encouraged, but not with anything of a delicate nature, as witness what Bud and others did. Now I have "on er's book, do not remember this, but if JMS doesn't have, I can copy and provide those pages. If regardless of anything she says, unless it is facsimile, be not without some question. Even of direct quotes. This is, however, interesting that he got special post-discharge CIA privileges.

If you encourage him to look into anything, please include indications JHO has some kind of minor US intelligence function or interest. Those notes he made on his plant are exactly the kind of thing the CIA, quite properly, as I see it, always wants, the kind of thing they seek in innocent debriefing of travellers, for example. All intelligence agencies of all governments want this kind of thing. It is the most basic intelligence. You can be sure the Russians have more of this on us than we on them. I'd be interested in any tentative beliefs or fixed ones he may have developed. RW said he would write after Larry was there but hasn't. RW