

*M. Thurman*

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Dear Mac,

On a different subject and not directly related to the letter I wrote you earlier today on the Archives (but I also suggest not entirely unrelated as a matter of government policy), is what I set forth here.

You may recall the gas-bomb attack on Haiti. It was followed by the charging of 10-12 men with violation of the neutrality laws. On my first trip to Washington thereafter I phoned Carl Belcher, head of the general-crimes section of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice. He had responded to my initial letters to Mitchell (there has been no Department of Justice response to any since). He was in but didn't talk to me. His secretary, after a very long delay, referred me to a Mr. Marrow, to whom I repeated the purpose of my call. Late that day I was asked to see a Mr. Morris, in the Internal Security Division (Federal Triangle Bldg) and I did.

It happens that the end of last October I interviewed two of the Americans who had been Cuban mercenaries at the home of one at El Monte, Calif. This is a suburb of Los Angeles. With their permission I taped the interview. They told me they were in charge of an invasion planned against Haiti, talked of it openly by phone in my presence and that of a young man accompanying me, and even claimed to have airplanes for it. Now it happens that several of those charged with the current offense were members of these same Cuban mercenary groups. I have pictures of them together, at their training camp in Florida. I also have other and lengthy tape-recorded interviews with one of these two and another of the mercenaries I made in February 1969. I have a copy of a letter written by the other of this pair to the head of state of another country setting forth his then-violation of these same laws.

Mr. Morris said he was anxious to have what I had. I invited him to come with a tape-recorder to dub his own tapes, a camera to copy the pictures, and offered either to make copies of the files or to lend them to him for copying. That was Friday, June 15. He said he'd be in touch with me and would probably come up the next working day, Monday June 16. I have heard nothing since. I did not expect him to be in touch because of the embarrassment to the government. The FBI should have been keeping tabs on these people. Something should have been done about the earlier violations. They are the most irresponsible and dangerous men, with arms and explosives stashed around the country. Need I remind you of the bombings by the Cubans, some with CIA explosives? They were never adequately investigated for their possible involvement in the Presidential murder. Thus there is an additional embarrassment because I have done some of what the FBI should have.

I suggest, however, that we have here a touchstone to the seriousness of the Department of Justice. I also asked for part of the public record, such as the formal charges. I have received nothing.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg