

Dear Ed,

7/13/72

Thanks for the 7/13 clip on the Hanrahan mess, which I return herewith. I'll make any comment that seems appropriate as I read it. I realize reporting can't duplicate what happened in court, but I also realize omissions may not be reporters'. Don't know these two. Don't know anything bad about Sears, so I will not be suggesting hanky-panky without basis for mistrust. Only questions or comment. I did not ask you to keep these clips for me, but I'm glad you are keeping them in the remote event that in the future I may want to consult them. quite remote. Into too much.

Graph 3: Kretch could not testify to use during shooting, only to assignment and checking out time, what isn't mentioned, use of bullets, which do have to be accounted for.

Graph 4: There may be a point in connecting spent cartridge shells to issue weapons, but the key thing is connecting bullets, especially those recovered from bodies, dead or alive, with weapons. And most or all these birds had and used private weapons, as I remember grand jury report.

Graph 10 addresses my point on graph 3. Why didn't the man who supposedly keeps the records testify that the submachinegun was signed out to Gorman, one shotgun to Broderick and two to Corbett. Did you ever try to use two shotguns at one time? Or just hold one while using the other?

Graph 11: Odd that Delany, assistant chief investigator and higher in rank than any of the raiding party, had the nature of the raid kept secret from him. Or is that why he is no longer there, they couldn't trust him?

Your ??s are surely well taken in the final graph. I'd love to know why Delany "refused to issue these weapons to Sgt. Daniel Groth, another defendant and the man who led the raid."

Aside from possible mistrust Groth, this could mean he felt there had to be special need for such weapons. If so, I'd agree. On the hand hand, with Delany giving the testimony, not Kretch, it would seem that he had personal knowledge and did agree to the assignment to others than Groth.

MYI: some years ago there was a young man in Chicago named Daniel Groth who was found to have some jewelry that had been taken during the course of the murder of a shoemaker, as I recall. I am wondering how many Daniel Groths there are in Chicago. I think if anyone had the time to check newspaper morgues and city directories working backward there might be a story. The news stories and the police records will give addresses, better, hopefully, than the arrest record on Valle. Certainly none of the suspects in that old case gave a police station as his address!

Thanks,