

Dear Jim,

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I've finished shellacking the shelves so perhaps I can start loading them tomorrow and then I attempted to do other things prior to going for Lil.

I had time for a little thinking while smearing, so I called Bud, who was not in.

While I think the odds are against ^{Jo. Emerance} ~~her~~ having been in on anything and for her having an orgasm over all the publicity, not caring about its consequences, I think it would be a good idea if Bud were to ask her for what she may have observed about the whole Gregorian chant. If she was present during any of the planning, who she saw with him, what anyone said, etc.

I spoke to Jon Newhall, who was not in on it but did personally tell Gregory there was no chance the picture is of Hunt. Gregory's response was to express the hope that from publicity "they" could be forced to identify the men!

Poor man! He's in a suit suit big enough to hold 300 lbs and is leaning against the pool-room window again! He really has been conned!

However, it is becoming more apparent that there may be an orchestration to this. So slight as the chance may be, I hope Bud will make the effort.

While smearing I had the news on. The forecast is for bad Sunday weather, hence this.

I called Lonnie to tell him that I will be home Monday a.m., I'd told him to make it lunch time or after. He reports his wife has the flu and he can't come. He is now on the desk and will call me Sunday after supper. However, he did say, "I got some stuff on Joe's article" for you. He meant Goulden's, Washingtonian.

I told him that when Joe writes the opposite of what he knows I'm interested. He said I'll tell you Sunday and we broke. He was then on the desk.

He volunteered this. I can guess, but I can also wait.

Needless to say, neither Goulden nor Wimpert has responded to my challenge. They say, ex parte, as all magazines and newspapers can, in a subsequent edition.

I'll be interest in what Lonnie says because there is no possibility of question, Joe wrote the opposite of what he knew. If there may be a question about the reason, there can be none about the fact.

With Gregory it is more complex. If there is reason to believe that he was inspired and pointed, he is also the kind of personality who could have gone off on this kind of kick on his own.

No matter how late, it would still be good if JP would tell us all he observed. I asked this - and copies of some NYPost stories - of him more than a week ago. He is not all that busy and he may be hung up on not spotting what there was to be seen and understood. But we should have any information he has. I know he held some back. He answered some of my questions childishly. And he let Gregory pressure him into being involved in some of it.

I guess we'll see-