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Dear Bob,

Here's the little goody for the day when it can be used. The first two paragraphs I think clearly establish perjury by Shae and Cobb. There is no document on Cobb firing Shaw. That I learned from inside the ITM. As you can see, this was one of the utilities of the lit dist that no one save Paul Hoch and I ever did anything with. Dolores Neeley divorced Ike Neeley, returned to Dallas, where she is well connected. Penn ones promised to locate her for me but didn't.

C I've heard nothing further on the copies of COUP. I've been ill, have not been in Washington. I'll lend you a copy as soon as I can spare, no one but the two of you to read.

O Have you a copy of the HARD TIMES on Ray? That quote makes sense. I will be writing an epilogue as soon as I am up to it.

P It is beyond my immediate capacity to trace the ITM further, through SEC or IRS. There is too much that now looms as more important. Jim blew that one pretty thoroughly. And I've an enormous amount to get on paper, already researched.

Y I think you ought keep an ITM file. When and as I can, I'll tell you what I've learned. You should also have one on International House, for they interlock in some ways (compete in others in past). Especially Bermudez.

Unfortunately, I had reason to doubt Bethell for more than a year. They would do nothing. I told them they were insane to fire Boxley and not clean house. So, I was right! I made a deal a year ago, they'd get nothing from me if it went into Tom's files. Tom knows very little about anything, cares very little about anything, loafes as a way of life, and was one of the great handicaps. He missed so much, including the most obvious. I spent a large sum and a large amount of time trying, in the last minute, to supply them with what he hadn't. He also hurt in other ways.

Hurriedly (and thanks)

18 Mar '69

Dear Harold,

Yes we wd like copy COUP D'ETAT (wd like one to keep when you can spare one); it better have an index.

I don't know anything abt Ray, except what it says in the latest HARD TIMES (formerly MAYDAY) March 17-24: "The FBI quietly reentered the King murder case after Ray was sentenced. The agents are picking up conspiracy threads and the trail is expected to lead to New Orleans."

No you hav not sent us FBI report in re Shaw & Cobb. Please do.

I am informed - this is second hand info - that the Internatl Trade Mart is a "non-profit organization". If so, this is again second hand, "Form 990-A, from the offices of the Internal Revenue Service, can be of great value in investigating tax-exempt organizations such as foundations...."

You shd also write to the SEC in Washington for the annual report of Blomfield Building Industries Inc for 1963 (costs approx 10¢/page).

I recall, vaguely, Guardian story abt Shaw & Rome "neo-facist" outfit. But can't seem to find a copy on hand in morass of papers. Perhaps you wd send xerox when you come across yours. Anything from the Guardian i think shd be double-checkt.

Yes i'd like to do story on ITM.

A couple of things that wd facilitate matters - use full complete names including initials, also you shd tell me whether you hav already gone thru the standard sources, i.e., WHO'S WHO, POOR'S, MOODY'S, & WALL STREET JOURNAL & NEW YORK TIMES indexes, which will save me repeating yr work.

NACIA didn't hav anything on Gaudet. (They operate more on the Rockefeller & Morgan & Mellon level. Big time stuff.)

We were a bit shock when Bethel was arrested (we were casual drinking acquaintances). In retrospect it becomes clearer why he never wd talk to us abt the investigation. Saw him last nite in a bar. He apparently believes Shaw innocent, and that Oswald & Ferrie never knew each other. ~~_____~~

keep in touch, Bob

Bob

ITM Land Sale Called 'Fine Deal'

Executive committeeman Seymour Weiss said the International Trade Mart made a "fine deal" when it sold two squares of riverfront property to a Texas hotel developer.

The Dallas developer, Toddie Lee Wynne Sr., purchased two squares of riverfront property from ITM in July.

Weiss said the purchase agreement includes \$260,000 in cash and one per cent of the hotel's

gross rentals each year for 56 years.

He put the annual income figure to ITM at roughly \$50,000 a year.

Weiss said Wynne is now thinking in terms of a 1,000 room hostelry on the land. The property is bounded by Lafayette, Girod, Water and Delta, and Notre Dame, Water, Delta and Girod.

If construction is not started within 30 months, Weiss said,

the land will revert to the trade mart.

*Seymour ["seize more"] Weiss
has been known to steal.*

ITM Chooses '67 Board Members

Contributor and debenture holder members of the International Trade Mart have re-elected 47 members of the board of directors and elected 26 new members for 1967, mart president Lloyd J. Cobb reported.

The newly elected members are Alvin Bertel Jr., Edgar A. G. Bright, Harold E. Cook, George S. Dinwiddie, Tom Dutton, Darwin S. Fenner, J. W. Gehrkin, Louis Glazer.

Kenneth H. Gormin, Maurice W. Grundy, Clyde Hendrix, Peter F. Hoxter, Leon Irwin Jr., Niels Johnsen, Harvey Koch, D. C. LeBreton, J. T. Lykes Jr., Richard Montgomery and Alfred J. Moran.

Dr. Charles Odom, John A. Oulliber, Dr. Robert Robinson, Jack Sanders, Frank G. Strachan, Philip M. Walmsley and Philip Werlein IV.

*No date,
either from T-P or
S-I.*