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Passing back from Minn. to New Orleans to relate to you what I have gathered and discuss with you our new asset I will lay over one evening in Chicago. If you would like to make plans to visit Hefner I could speak to them then. I am sure they will ask me when it would be possible to have you as their guest. If you like I will convey any messages or obtain any information necessary. I will leave that night for New Orleans. That should fall the middle of next week and I will hope to speak with you and Bill Boxley at that time.

Two things of rather minor importance. The Los Angeles Times, obviously of minor importance, has printed an amazing collection of words in their Editorial column. This is a letter from the Secretary of a Social Workers' Association. This letter comes on the heels of an Editorial which would make anyone vomit who cares the slightest bit about freedom. The letter and that page of the Times is enclosed. I think this is one time you can read this rotten paper and get a kind of sadistic enjoyment out of the panic they can't help displaying.

Secondly, a boy named Chuck Laquedera who said he was from U.C.L.A. and who spoke very briefly with you as you approached the stage at the Century Plaza Banquet, has made a trip to New Orleans that you should know about. He visited the office of Mr. Rault in an effort to initiate a West Coast committee to gather funds for the investigation. The secretary at that time told him that not only did you reject any kind of publicity and therefore disallow the use of your name in any kind of ad but that you had "all the money (you) needed" for the investigation. I know that his only intention was to try and do something actively to help. I remember speaking to him at Century Plaza and another time on the phone. I am not sure that the secretary wasn't just doing her best to be protective (I know she must have to screen several proposals) but it seems that her comment on how much money you have for the investigation is both incorrect and wrong to say to a person inquiring about anything. I will tell you one more related point when I see you but until then I told this boy (he called upon his return) to speak to Steve Burton, of the Citizens Committee of Inquiry. Burton has been thinking along the lines of fund raising recently in addition to setting up a nationwide communications system. What this consists of I am not quite sure but I'm sure he will write you.

Finally and extremely IMPORTANT: The following story was related to me by Art K. of the local radio station. A reporter of his was given a picture of Bingo. He was told by Art to go to a local airport, in Van Nuys, and inquire if anyone recognized the man in the picture. Evidently, Art found out that Bingo had taken flying lessons there. After showing the picture (one of a series which ~~was~~ says he has sent to the office) to many people who worked in the airport he showed the picture to a Mr. ~~Bouquet~~ <sup>BOUCHETTE</sup> who works as an instructor in the American Flight Service, <sup>A DIVISION OF THE</sup> ~~the airport which also gives flying lessons.~~ This Mr. ~~Bouquet~~ <sup>BOUCHETTE</sup>

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had an immediate reaction to the photo. He immediately recognized the man in the photo (Bingo) to be a frequent visitor to the airport of ~~several years back~~ ~~just how many years back he didn't say~~. The important thing about his response was that he insisted that the man in the photo was named DENNIS KELLY, an insurance salesman. He said that he'd known KELLY very well, at the airport, and that he'd taken lessons in flying. He further supported his recognition by insisting that the man was indeed KELLY and that even his wife (MR. BOUCHET'S) would recognize KELLY. Upon further questioning by the reporter (I'll give you his name later) the man, (BOUCHET), said that he even had probably retained the card on which he had written KELLY'S phone number. After searching through his desk he found the number written on a card with the name of KELLY or DENNIS KELLY. He gave the number to the reporter.

~~KEVIN~~ The reporter returned immediately to the station and told ~~Art~~ of the witness. At about 11 A.M. the reporter telephoned the number he'd been given and asked not for MR. KELLY but for MR. B (at ~~Art's~~ ~~KEVIN's~~ direction.) The person who answered the phone said simply, that MR. B would be back later, about 1:15 PM and that the caller could reach him then. The reporter said thanks and said that he would call back then.

The reporter called back at 1:15 PM and again asked for MR. B. Another man answered this time and very impertinantly stated that no man named B was there or had ever been there. The reporter explained that the man who answered when he called that morning had said that the MR B would be back and they were simply calling back as directed. The man on the other end once again denied ever having known a MR B at that number. He inquired then, rather ~~surprisingly~~, why they were calling this man, MR. B. The reporter quickly said that he was an attorney and that he was trying to clear up an old suit involving his company with Lyon Van and Storage (for whom B used to work) and he wanted some details. The man on the other end of the line then became extremely inquisitive and asked repeatedly for more information about this law suit, MR. B. and the attorney (I think the name used by the reporter was 'D. Smith'). The reporter said that this was a matter for MR. B. and MR. B. only and he could say nothing more.

~~TONY ALLEN~~  
The reporter then called the American Flight Service back at Van Nuys Airport and reached the supervisor of the service. It was very near closing time and the supervisor had evidently been the only one there to answer the phone. The reporter asked for MR. ~~AL BOUCHET~~. The supervisor related to the reporter that not only was ~~BOUCHET~~ not there, but very strangely, ~~BOUCHET~~ had drawn all of his back pay and quit not more than an hour prior to this call. He said he was extremely puzzled that this man would quit so abruptly after working for them for many years. The reporter called a number which he obtained for the apartment of ~~BOUCHET~~ and throughout the night and the next day the man was not home.

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Art told me this story and I said that it was possibly a very important lead considering the background of B. He told me that he would follow it up.

The next day I had occasion to utilize our new asset and inquired about this. Not only did the asset reveal that the location was of supreme significance but also that the name, probably a pseudonym, was familiar in an important way.

I will report the fine points to you later. I took the liberty to ask Art to discontinue any further investigation of this until I can go over the matter with you. The danger involved in investigating this point seemed to merit such a delay.

I look forward to seeing you and hope all is going well.

Sincerely yours,

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Stephen Jaffe