

9/26/72

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The problem of stinks is that they have to be eliminated; and of crops, that they need fertilizing. I don't think an experienced criminal lawyer has dealt with more stonches that I since I quit farming. (And I was a dirt farmer!)

People are always doing wrong things, thus we have lawyers and laws. I hold a simplistic view, that it is worse when government does wrong and worst of all when government uses its awesome power to make people do more wrong. I do not view Ferning, who I know pretty well, as St. Francis and he has never said anything to deceive me into it. I don't think I have ever met a man as forthright about himself. And as I believe I wrote you, I know that the last conversation I had with him is as inconsistent as anything can be with the emotion given as his motive. Moreover, although I believe it has not appeared in the papers, I also know that the government could have had a number of tax cases (if not others) against him and that it permitted him to clean up the oldest virtually minutes before its authority to permit this expired.

I never talk in public and rarely in private about the relationship between Garrison and me. I had asked Ivon to send me the transcripts of the various proceedings not only because I wanted to study them but because I often see in them what others do not, as if Bud has not told you I'm certain he will. He has often enough told me I should have been a lawyer and that I'd have been a damned good one. This comes from what he has seen me do. When I went over the first transcript I found what I think others had not, judging from what was reported. Therefore I wanted to continue this. Only suddenly you stopped sending anything and didn't answer letters or phone calls. I wrote Jim and got no answer. A young friend went to see Lou within the past six weeks. Lou said he would call me immediately, that he thought he'd sent me everything, etc., and I never heard from Lou. Sui generis ask how Orleans is, I need no translator for this. And I've let it stay that way. Don Quixote doesn't lack windmills, Guy. My problems are time and money, not things to work or or write about. My investigations have yielded what would blow your mind. I have such in hand.

I don't know any of the Truth and Consequences people. As soon as Garrison indicted charged Shaw with perjury I wrote him a letter he didn't like. I have no doubt that Shaw and at least one other committed perjury, but those charges were not filed. And I also have the proof in hand, repetitiously, from three witnesses, on tape, two not from New Orleans. All three will stick and two can supply supporting documentary proof. If any of these is your friend, you may want to remember this. When I saw Sal last November I told him this but no more, but he tastes blood and will pursue that civil suit. It can't be to collect from Jim. (and I never thought or wrote that Shaw conspired to kill JFK. Sal found my writing fair.) ...Nothing new on Maul here, either. Think and best regards, Harold Weisberg

9/28/72

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Dear Harold:

The whole Pershing Gervais bit stinks. I feel that I am only a witness to the processing of these individuals into durance vile.

Russell Schonekas, 1507 Pere Marquette Building, a close personal friend, is handling Pershing. Also, Pershing is an uninvited but frequent visitor here. I shall discuss you with both of them at the earliest.

I know nothing new on the Raul matter.

Kindest regards,



GUY JOHNSON

GJ/ah