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What ho, strong, silent types!

My recent trip to N.O. was, I think, very successful. Time will tell. We are clobbering Bringuier in court (not reported) and I think I'm now in a position to countersue and do something thereby. I hear rumors of a Thornley suit but I fear I will not be that lucky. Lifton is wacky and dangerous. He is not one of us, Penn. And Thornley is a very bad and very false young man, without scruple and with a bunch of crap for what he calls "principles". I am keeping up an otherwise pointless correspondence with a rag called "Open City" because he has a Liebler-like compulsion. I love the cats he unbegs. Most others fail to see them, but I know a cat when I see it! Every blunder he makes convinces me more of his possible importance. He did have a post-office box across the street from Banister, where Oswald and others had theirs, and without exception, none required any. He also wrote a lot of things he has no reason to be proud of, including of JFK and the Commission. And more I cannot put in the mail.

I dashed off a book before I went to N.O. It took only three days, and I'm afraid it is not much better than that. I'm going over it, adding to it.

I call it COUP D'ETAT: I ACCUSE THE CIA. I have a lot of stuff on the National States Rights Party in it and if you have anything, esp. of their Dallas connections, I'd appreciate being able to use it. I've got even the name of the man supposed to have been the assassin, according to Milteer, and more on him than I've seen in print. I wrote Bill Barry a long time ago offering to let him have what I had and he did not answer. I also offered this to him through Marty Singer, of Sage, who now has Barry's story. Wish I knew how it would get published! It will run 40,000 pages and should have an appendix of a couple dozen pages for documents. How many pages can your press and bindery take? If I can get the negatives shot, do you do offset? I think the prospects for any wholesaler handling now are slight, for they have all been reached in some way or another and almost all have tried to cheat me-and have. If I can have a spare copy when I finish, would you like to read and comment? If you would, how long would it take you? (Both!)

Gary Schoener, a rare young man, is lucky to be alive. I've invited him to convalesce here. He was badly beaten in what at least superficially was a racial disorder. He has done the most brilliant, courageous work and is a great guy who, if he doesn't make a psychologist, will make an excellent pr man. I know.

By the way, if you enjoy the luxury of a vacation, why not spend it here? I can meet you at the airport, we have the space if no one else is here and can arrange better accommodations if someone is, we have a good pool, quiet and privacy, and I can meet you at the airport(s). Friendship and Dulles are best for through flights and either is but an hour away. If anything, Lil would be even happier. We could talk about many things, and you could look at some of my unpublished material-all if you take and have the time. I think some will open your eyes-even your eyes-for I have some of the evidence the existence of which we only suspected. Bring your bathing suits-and try and come. This will be an inexpensive vacation for you, one for us, and if you make it last 10 days, you can get a reduced fair. I think you can also arrange a stopover at no extra cost. I have a very good travel agent who does these things out. He is an old friend and worked for the airlines first.

Hope you can make out what I mean here and in the enclosed letter to Barry Ernest, who came to me through Gary and wasted most of the time he was at the Archives by duplicating what had been done and learning nothing new that I know of ((I didn't tell him, though)).

Bestb from both.