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Gary, Paul,

Gary will remember stories of what happened to prisoners moved to the Bureau of Prisons' Springfield facility, accounts of men afraid to take medicines. New Orleans abounded in them.

Today I'd suggested that I read "The Gorilla", a story of a thug and his career at Springfield in LIFE dated 6/25. I did. There are several interesting, perhaps irrelevant things in it. One is that Ramparts was dealing with this thug because he was rich. He told such tales. The step from Ramparts to New Orleans is a short one. Hinkle would not use his writing and the deal fell through.

However, on the other side there is this quote (p. 52) from the Director of the BurPris:

"We have special cases we watch very carefully, and frankly we are able to detain a person like (this bum) better at Springfield."

A rather interesting coincidence is that Sidney Zion, the man who pulled the plug on Ellsberg, figures in this (p. 50). He was then with the NYTimes, soon joined Hinkle at Scanlon's, and there business manager was almost as big a good, a rather big crook, not a figure of speech. Zion is said to have said he wanted to write a book about the prisoner. From this story, it might have made a good book. He could have learned all about this guy from his work. Or he could have been interested by the second Laddie. But however one considers it, it does seem a bit off.

Best,

Story under Bilder, Che