

7/26/68

Dear Art or Jim,

I've almost finished revising and adding to COUP D'ETAT. There might

be some European interest. The rough draft is in three countries. Therefore, as soon as possible, I'd very much appreciate a copy of the Cal AG's report and a memo on the first Drennen hearing. I've got the Ball stuff in, with a little extra on the gentleman, hitherto unpublished, the consubial benefits he got from the Commission! Seven trips, taxpayer-paid, to see the wife, in six months! Plus \$35.00 daily for the days away from home. Or, almost a thousand a week plus the travel! That's real public dedication!

I do not have Skip's address. Would you please ask him to send me whatever he can, if anything, on Joseph Adams Milteer and Jack H. Brown, of the NSRP (and other affiliations, if he knows any), on Captain Bob Brown, Panther Press, and any list or copies of his publications (I promise to return, set and insured). I am particularly anxious to get this because (please do not mention) this and here's what started Philip Geraci III off. Please ask the same of Larry. I go into them in this book and tell how I think the FBI framed them, how Garrison was fair and cleared them, how it all came to pass, etc. I think they will not be unhappy. And it does fit, too, very well. I didn't just drag it in by the heels.

If either or both are unwilling to part with this stuff, and I suspect both have it, I'd appreciate Xeroxes of the lists and any propaganda and if the contents warrant, of some of the contents. Joel Palmer, who should be willing to help you - I wrote Steve B about him months ago - may take any necessary pictures. I think also he'd read and select the stuff to be copied. I'd really like to buy a set of Brown's stuff, but I fear he'd be as anxious to help me as the Archives, which has perfect the sitdown as it never was in Flint, Mich! He is at 6261 Tumilla, Woodland Hills, 348-0070. He's a good guy and a good photog. If someone buys Brown's stuff, ask him to tell me the cost and I'll send a check. Please ask it be mailed special handling, which sends it like first-class, even at the book rate, of 12 cents first pound, six each additional. Costs about 35¢ more, that is all.

Brown is from Chattanooga. He might know some of Hell's Dalles friends.

Hope you can find the time to rush this. Expect two colleagues next weekend and I'd like them to read me, a luxury I've never enjoyed before. I have not forgotten a trip to NY. I just haven't the cash and cannot leave until I finish this and give it to the wife to retypes while I'm gone. If I can get an extra copy of the ms out there, would you have time to read quickly and comment and return fast? Perhaps 45,000 words, written too hurriedly? Do not feel obligated, either of you. You both stay busy. It'll total less than 150 double-spaced pages, without documents for appendix.

Best to everyone. By the way, did we not do a show that forecast the federal-court decision? I had new legal contacts in N.C. who had reason to believe this would happen and so told me, explaining why.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

7/24/68

Dear Art and Jim,

As you can see, the devil~~x~~ loving scripture has used your Xeroxing. I want those guys to talk. Lifton seemsto have quitted down. I said little about him in the second letter and I believe Open City did not print the first, but apparently Dave is, at least for the moment, 'silent.

I will not go into the values I find in the Thornley letter, the one you sent, but I regard it as important. There was major importance (if he is) in the original writings. I hope you guys can keep on top of this and keep me posted. God knows what that fool may blurt out, like saying that the Commission knew he had said he'd have killed Kennedy- told him-and didn't even ask him to deny it.

As soon as you can - and I know how busy you are - I'd like very much to have the Cal AG report to quote in COUP D'ETAT which is drafted, and the Drennan hearing memo if the transcript remains unavailable.

With luck I'll have edited the ms, made the additions aside from those, by the end of the week.

Again thanks, and best to you all.

By the way, John Christian, whose letter I sent you from N.O., wants no public use made of it for a variety of reasons. He should have been in touch with you directly. He has sent me something on it, by hand, but it has not arrived. He is optimistic about what he has. He does not buy what I told him about your friend Jack.

Sincerely,

memo from

**ART KEVIN**

HAROLD:

HERE'S THE OPEN CITY LETTER I SPOKE  
TO YOU ABOUT.

AG'S REPORT AND DRENNEN HEARING  
IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO GET TO NOW SINCE  
I AM LEAVING FOR AN OUT OF TOWN TOUR  
TONIGHT WITH OUR GOV. REAGAN.

I DID MANAGE TO CHEK THE FREE PRESS  
AND THEY DON'T KNOW ANYSUCH CORRESPONDENT  
BY THE NAME OF GWEN ADAMS!

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