

cc Steve B

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Dear Jim and Art,

A stupidity: John Christian spent \$1.80 returning the ms of COUP to me by air special delivery, when there is no such FFD thing. Saturday's mail is so late arriving there is no chance of getting anything into the P.O. before it closes. I am reluctant to send the ms without insurance, so it cannot go out until Monday, when a window again opens. Steve says you want to read and he wants to copy. His addresses are such it seems expedient to send to you and ask that you inform him.

I will be adding more to the ms. I intend something on Holden and Godfrey to ~~xx~~ justify my saying, at the end of the Secret Service bit, "The Secret Service is not always like this". I have the full Memphis tape. I now have permission to use it. I am awaiting the arrival of related materials before adding that. Your little clipping on Penabaz was a fine missing link, which I shall also add. I already had enough in files to make him perfect duplicate Bringuier.

I do not want anyone other than you two and Steve Burton reading this because I know I can trust the three of you. There have been too many untoward things, and all wind up with the canard that I am imagining.

When you have finished, unless I have said speed in return is urgent, you can send it as special fourth class rate, educational materials, special handling, for the small special fee and 12 cents per first pound, six each additional. Insurance (\$75.00) is slight. With what has happened to my ms's., I prefer insurance.

This is just the way John returned it. It is my only "extra" copy. I can't understand or explain what he did and didn't do; I can only apologize.

The separate hunk titled "Excess", also unread, was originally intended as an addition to this book but I think that unlikely. I send it, also in confidence, for your collective knowledge. It is only part of what I will have to say about the executive sessions.

Both of you guys have Norelco machines. How about keeping one at hand when you read, making notes on the cassettes, and sending me the notes when you finish? Steve will, I hope, have time for more careful comment. Remember, I not only wrote this while doing too many other things, including the investigation, but haven't yet had a chance to read it. So, I can use suggestions.

My head has been kind of foggy for several days, so I do not recall what I have told you. However, if I did not, I now have pretty good confirmation that Godfrey is being confined at SS direction. I'll be checking this further. You may recall I ask you to see if there was anything in his Hollywood career that could be of interest. Strangely enough, it is one of the big blanks in his recollection, when he seems lucid enough. ...My favorite peranoic phoned yesterday when I wasn't home to report what she regarded as a nasty story about me in one of the underground papers. If anything of this sort appears out there, would you please copy and forward? I have been expecting things of this sort from two sources.

Best to you all,