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Dear Art,

Got home midnight yesterday morning and haven't stopped since, trying to catch up and have a day or two of hard work before I am back to the normal too-much.

I hope you recall our previous conversations. In one I gave you the name of a man who was close to a martyr and promised you another name I then said belonged to a person in a capacity I thought would interest your sergeant friend. My source is perhaps not dependable. On some things, absolutely solid. That name, as given to me, is Messinger.

For two months I have been getting special indications of Hepburn, from a source other than the one from which I got the first, and with regular and unvarying reference to the San Diego radio station. I have reason to believe my source was an informant, officially, incredible as it all seems.

More than ever I think it essential that I get out there. Now more than money is a block. I have two unpublished books on which I want to work and think I must. When I can I'll make the New York trip I promised, although I expect nothing to come of it. There is a San Diego group that would like me to address it, a new Assassination Inquiry Committee, on which I have a friend, Dr. A. George Abbott. They can help with getting me there but cannot take the entire tab.

One never knows the meaning of developed fact when it is developed. I think my recent trip was successful in a number of areas, one of which I cannot here mention but I suggest it connects disconnected aspects of the local case. Also I was able to establish the existence of three simultaneous training camps on the north shore of the lake from untapped official sources (and others) and of a fourth never previously suggested from a participant. Wild, I have Ricardo's local girl friend on tape with her description of the wild night on which he told his buddies the camp had to break up. In addition, I have located a second and hitherto unknown ammo dump there. It is possible I may be learning more from those to whom I talked and who I think I may have turned on. One never knows.

Let me remind you about the stuff on the Drennen hearing. It is now important to me. I want to add it to "Coup d'Etat", already mailed out.

I will attempt to phone you, but I'll also be gone at least two days the coming week. I have reason to believe that unless he is reached and turned off, Thornley is preparing to sue me. Aside from the cost of defense, I do hope he is. He doesn't know what I know about him and none of his helpers or associates do. I can do with this in court what Jim, in a criminal action, cannot. However, this impels me to ask that you rush me every single word that appears out there. From one of his I have learned that Open City printed both of my letters, in two different issues. No one has told me this or sent me copies. I am also the devil who loves scripture, and the two first Open City issues provide some of the most interesting, including a significant lie that Jim can use also.

Today I will do a short piece answering Epstein and challenging him as I did the New Yorker a month ago. Perhaps you may be interested in airing it. It will be perhaps 500 words for a small trade paper, BOOKS....Just before I left I located what I believe to be the secret headquarters of the initialed other side and had myself photographed outside it in suitable James Bond attire-sandals (no socks), shorts and my "I've been touched by the Jolly Green Giant" T shirt, complete with enormous thumbprint!...Tell Jim I've got some fine material on the cartridges he sent-all new and never-before indicated. Thanks and best to you all.