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Dear Ms. Brown,

As you may recall, I've had no contact with any agent for almost 30 years. In that time I've had no meaningful magazine contact. I write on the chance your agency has a magazine connection of a client who might be interested in what I believe makes a worthwhile story that would tell the people what I think the World Trade Center and yesterday's Oklahoma City disasters indicate should be known and understood. I will not take time ~~for~~ ^{from} my work to do the story.

Yesterday I did suggest this to a friend on the Washington Post's Outlook section. I am inclined to believe the Post will not go for it. If it does it should be before you invest any time in it, if you ^{do} and if they do go for it, it would not be at the length and in the detail I believe justified.

Anyone wanting to make a bomb can learn how to do it from many books published in this country and from other published sources. Before then the information was made available by groups of the extreme right. And insofar as my knowledge goes, before then the CIA trained many anti-Castro Cubans giving them the know-how and in some instances the materials. The first domestic bombings of which I know were by these anti-Castro Cubans.

Two of the groups that in the 1960s, perhaps a little sooner, distributed such information were one of the more militant ones now I think defunct, which called itself The Minutemen, and a publisher of how-to information on killing, Palladin Press, of Boulder, Colorado. Robert E. Brown was its editor and publisher. I knew him.

Brown provided one of the interesting angles. I got to know him after learning from FBI records the Warren Commission had and like the FBI did little about it, that he had been solicited to ~~the~~ killing JFK, about 10,000 Jews or members of the ADA or both, I have records but am not dining them out. Brown, then a captain in the Army reserves, did not report this solicitation but a student to whom he had reported it when JFK was killed, ^{told the} FBI.

He provides another interesting angle because when one of Ollie North's operatives inside the government testified to the Watergate committee he testified that one of the men North told him to consult with was Bob Brown. That committee had no interest in carrying that forward. That man was Robert Owen and his testimony was published.

If I do not still have Brown's impressive catalogue, and I cannot search my overflow files in my basement, I gave it to Dr. David Wrone, history professor, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, WI.

I have two sources inside the ^{the} Minutemen. One was also an FBI symbol informer. The

other was what they called a "network director." He provided me with a thick stack of their information. It included a handbook on assorted terrible things, like bugging and wiretapping, shadowing and even making a bomb beginning with fertilizer. So one does not have to be a trained Arab extremist to be able to do that. I understand that was the kind of bomb used in New York and I think it will be established, in Oklahoma.

In the information that man gave me was their taking credit for the bombing of the Greenwich Village townhouse in which some members of the SDS of the left were killed and a few escaped only to later, in at least one case turn ^{themselves} in.

They claimed to have done that through a member who was also an FBI symbol informer, Harry Grathwohl. He was teaching them how to make bombs and once he earned their confidence taught them incorrectly so the bomb they were making exploded when they were making it.

When the New York lawyer who took cases for the left, Jerry ~~Leffort~~ Lefcourt, had a Detroit case or was of counsel in it and Grathwohl surfaced in a similar role as an FBI informer, I loaned this material to him and he had the case thrown out. He got a little peeved at me because I wanted it returned.

When he did that I loaned it to the Baltimore County, Maryland police which I helped a little on extremists who worried them and then to the FBI, which returned it to me. It may not have included anything the FBI did not have but on the chance it might I did offer it.

Then I gave it to Wrono.

Grathwohl later surfaced in California teaching police, of all things. I think I have this in my file on him.

Brown had a partner in Palladin and I'm told that they had a falling out. The result was that the partner wound up with Palladin and Brown started Soldier of Fortune magazine. The last I heard of it was when he and it lost a lawsuit in Alabama over having printed an ad by either an assassin soliciting work or an ad seeking an assassin. Who then assassinated. I have some information on that.

The Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith, with which I no longer have any contacts, might be a good source in general.

If ammonium hydroxide is identified in Oklahoma, that will be an indication such a bomb was used there. And when it can be obtained wherever agricultural products are sold without attracting any attention you can see how, with the knowhow, almost anyone can become a devastating terrorist. Especially the crazies and those with any political motives real or imagined. Not only Muslim extremists.

This is real danger I think should be known and can make an interesting story. I think a book might require repeating the knowhow. If there is any interest I'll help as much as I can. I'm writing Wrono to borrow back what I gave him.

Sincerely,

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