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Dear Jim,

That Latimer is something else! This is as far out as anything I have gotten.

My mind has been on other things and I haven't a clear enough recollection of the letter you wrote and literally I am too weary to dig it out, so I can't make a recommendation of where to go next. However you do it, begin with some kind of flattery on the brilliance of his observations, even saying that you'd never have thought of it that way had he not directed your attention as he did. Brilliant, etc.

Perhaps the next step would be a more overt suggestion of anti-Semitism. Not just Rubenstein but does he think Jews ever so figured it out, it being so well-known a fact that so many Jews have been communists, like Trotsky and others you can name. This can be your suspicion rather than your "leads". Use your own judgement on this.

You might ask him who, of all the people who in any way figured in the investigation, he admires most --and if any at the other end, least.

He's really crazier than I thought. A Hitler red is cure a new king. How come Welch and Hunt and Astlund et al never spotted that kind?

The Fidel stuff, by the way, is fiction, and Newman didn't start it. He just misused it. Like almost everything.

That Butler bumper sticker is probably part of Butler's play on his ridiculous movie, Hitler in Havana. The anti-Castro Cubans even ridiculed him on it. They talked about INCA in New Orleans in a derisive way.

Bringuier's comments on JC's book are not, as you suspected worth any trouble, thanks. But when you are in N.O. again, why not stop in to see if he has any new words of great wisdom? He, by the way, is also a racist. He may not disclose it to you, but feed him the right lines, not avoiding the cliché, Rubenstein. You might comment that Lane and I are Jews. I don't know if Mark is, but it is said. He is said to have imported anti-Semitic tracts from Latin America and I have one of his own anti-black ones. Maybe he'll give you samples if he learns you are one of the boys.

Your rope enough presumption on L is on target. Whatever you think.

You hit Nichols on the hoodle too, that rejected jazz. Even the Garrison office was sorry they used him. By the way, what transcripts do you have and how did you get them? I have a couple, including Finck's.

Ferris did more than go to Mrs. Garner's, and that is only one of the reasons I wanted to see her. The rest will wait until we are together again.

Tapes: you've been kidded, like most were. The government had at least two library carts of boxes of tapes to my knowledge. They have been lying. I have seen that many at one time. It could be of value in the King case, but that would involve the local TV stations and they are all on the other side. I had expected to ask them after I make my connections public.

On the Oswald tapes, perhaps it was cut out of O in NO. I have the Hargis record from Key and I think the other. I also have the undited tape somewhere. Do you suppose Knight really meant Carlos? There were no other N.O. members of the DRE. I think Ernesto Rodriguez supplied the Secret Service with their copy. Or the transcript of it, forget which. But warmer weather is coming. If I get down that way again, perhaps we can visit at Long Beach. There is someone I'd like to get there alone and try and sweat....Thumb coming along ok...

Nothing of any consequence new on Ray.

When school is over I may ask you to ask Garrison to let you go over one aspect of his files if I can't get there. He hasn't responded to my letter, but that doesn't mean anything. He is like Lattimer this way.

I'm sorry graduation isn't until mid-May. I'll be in St. Louis the 7th and might have gone down from there....Don't worry about Tom's list and no. won't happen.

Don't make a special trip to N.O., but when you are there, please go to Lonk Zelden's office. You were with me when we bumped into him. I saw him several times. He asked me to lend him my official set of the DJ affidavits on Garrison. He hasn't returned them, hasn't answered letters on them, and I'd like to get them back, including the envelope in which they were mailed to me. They can be sent special fourth class rate, educational materials, if I do not get there. How long a trip is to St. L to Hattiesburg and to N.O.?

It was unreported but Ray lost this appeal.

Gotta go get my wife. Many thanks. Best,