

11/12/69

Dear Wery,

Last year I never did get to put our stormwindows in. I spent today on that and begin the answer to you 11/9 before supper, so it may seem more disjointed than usual.

Neeley is Dolores' married name. She dropped it when she dropped Ike. I have the maiden name, which she resumed, unless she has remarried, in notes I've not yet gotten to classify and file. I sent it to Gary, and I'll ask him if he remembers to send it to you. As I recall, hers is a Mexican-American family.

If you know the Fritos/ people, they may be able to tell you. Are there that many people in such businesses in Dallas? But when I can, I'll see if I can dig it out. Little by little I am getting this stuff in some kind of rudimentary shape, a little more accessible.

Appreciate your explanation of why you hadn't asked. My offer was not spurious. While I have never met Sue, I have heard of her orientation. What you say of what she'll probably published disturbs me no end not because it will hurt us but because it will hurt her, making her look foolish and preserving it imperishably. This is so often true of people of extreme belief, the more genuine and sincere their belief, the more foolish they wind up looking. She is prisoner of her preconceptions and prejudices, but is there any chance of reasoning with her? If there is, she'll be the first one of whom I know. Some of those of similar outlook will ooh and aah and tell her how magnificent she is, but rational people will regard her as incredible and dishonest. That would be too bad. She'll reach only the persuaded or nuts with that doctrine anyway. But I have no doubt she is as dedicated as she is wrong.

If your work on Lawrence-Cross-Country-Bloomfield includes other names connected, as in boards directors, subsidiaries, branch offices, etc., I'd like to have.

What is the 1968 listing on Bloomfield? That Lawrence, ostensibly in real estate for himself also has the Cross Country name, is rather interesting. They seem separated from Bloomfield. However, it is possible he offered Dolores a job. She worked in the ITM office and he had a chance to size her up.

On the Shaw notebooks (which I do not have now), the kind of man he is most likely to know socially may also be one who moves around much. While it is obvious this may have been a fake name, I doubt it more than I do such a man could have been there for a while. Could EX-3271 have been where he worked and WOYE the abbreviation for it (no radio station with that call there). If you know someone with access to the Memphis phone blue book, you can check the number. Could this be a special between-the-girls nickname? Or is there a brokas in the Bloomfield setup? Who did live at 2031 Central? Rooming house?

I suspect no connection between Jack and Jim Lawrence, and I am in a minority in attributing no trigger to Jim. ...If you want to follow WOYE more, call a local radio station and see if there is one of that call...Thanks for CD 216:218. I also have it, apparently forgetting to send. Do you have all of CD206? ...On Neeley, I do not suspect her of involvement, but I believe she may well know things the significance of which may be beyond her...You correctly understand a writer's attitude toward his material, but there is something else I suggest you gear in mind: the control over when, where and how it is used. I am opposed to one-shot sensations, out of context. And I shudder when I think of the contexts some with whom I am not close would contrive to suit preconceptions. It is not alone the valid concept of property rights. Excuse the waste. Best to you all, and than' Oh, yes, do you have Curry's book? Unknown whereabouts.

4406 Holland
Dallas, Texas 75219
November 9, 1969

Dear Harold:

I, too, have CD206, p. 218 on microfilm. I have typed it up for you and am enclosing it.

*Thank you very much for the Xeroxes of 216
217*

Please do not think that just because I did not ask you many questions about certain things that I was not extremely interested in everything... It is just that when people make their living by writing on this subject, I am always afraid if I pry, they will think I am trying to take their material and do something with it. None of us in Dallas have any intention of writing on this thing. Arch and I do intend to keep our notebooks and files for our children and grandchildren and the only reason we would not consider putting them into a "limited edition" is that there would be the possibility of an unscrupulous printer or binder releasing something which is in them and they do contain many completely ridiculous and slanderous suspicions on our part. In the past six years, we have found some evidence to uphold our "suspicions" and at other times we have found proof that we were way out in left field... So we simply can't run the risk of hurting innocent people with our material even though the greatest part of it is completely accurate.

Sue does intend to publish the speech which she has been making since December of 1963. It is completely slanted in one direction. The Communists and no one else did it, period! She has not added to it or taken anything from it since she first wrote it. She has delivered the speech to DAR meetings, etc., since right after the assassination. The John Birch Society will probably publish it for her... I don't really know. My point is, Sue is the only one in Dallas working in our little group who intends to publish anything, and it is exactly what she wrote on the 22nd of November, 1963, I am almost certain.

You are very generous and unusual in that you do not act paranoid about "your" material. In the future, I'll try not to be so cautious about asking you questions.

I have been very interested in Dolores Neeley since I heard the testimony in New Orleans this Spring. I had not had too much interest in her until then. The testimony about Shaw's trip to Portland, etc., simply didn't sound right and that is what started my looking into the ITM and Bloomfield things.

I have the 1966 and 1968 Memphis Telephone Books and have done a little research in them. I have been completely unable to locate a Mrs. Ike or Dolores Neeley in Dallas. I wish you could give me a little more information about the company her family owns. I know most of the founders of Frito. Bud Fensterwald wrote to ask me about a man who had worked for Morton Foods (Bud said Tom's Peanuts - but they were bought by Morton several years ago). I sent him the little I had... just wonder if Dolores family was mixed up with either Tom's or Morton...

CD 206, p. 216, December 6, 1963 - James Lawrence works for Cross Country Development Corporation, a Subsidiary of Bloomfield Building Industries, 3355 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.

The July 17, 1966, Memphis Telephone Directory:
Bloomfield Building Industries, Inc. 100 North Main Building,
telephone 527-0201

Cross Country Realty Co., Inc., 100 North Main Building,
telephone 527-4507

Jim Lawrence, Real Estate
100 North Main Building, telephone 527-4507
Residence: 1062 Sheridan, telephone 275-9762

The July 17, 1968 Memphis Telephone Directory:
Bloomfield Building Industries, Inc., 100 North Main Building
telephone 527-0201

Cross Country Realty Co., Inc., 5118 Park Avenue, telephone 683-5268

Jim Lawrence Real Estate, 5118 Park Avenue, telephone 683-5268
(his residence and residence phone are not shown in 1968)

There is a D. L. Neeley, 301 South Glencoe Road, telephone 398-2127 ??

Do you remember that on the second page of Clay Shaw's address and phone number notebook there was an entry for Emory Brokas, 2031 Central Avenue, Memphis 4, Tennessee EX 7-3271 ? There was a notation at the upper right which may be about anything but I believe it is WOYE. There has never, as far as I could tell, been an Emory Brokas in Memphis. I went over there and looked through all the old directories I could find after Jim gave me the address book. Also, the numbers along that part of Central were not in the EX exchange. EX converts to 39- on the phone dial (they have had numbers only for many years but some of the old residents continued to give the letter-prefix instead of the numerals)... I found two residents in the same block of Central: Mrs. Mary T. Baker, 2026 Central, 275-4596; and ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Gaylon Brooks, 2011 Central, 276-2547.

One thing I did find which will make be sound crazy but I just pass it on to show that I am not immune to the paranoia which makes some of us search for hidden codes, messages, etc... There was the following listing:

Marvin R. Boggs
20 E. Emory Rd. 396-1752 (since the EX converts to 39, I wondered if this could have been some code - The Brokas entry, that is)...

Oh, well, hope you will forgive this rambling.

Have you ever wondered if there was any connection between James Lawrence and Jack Lawrence?

With best regards to you and Lil,

Mary