

Dear Jim,

5/8/76

Here is our check for \$1,000 with a record of its origin and purposes for you, Howard and Jim. You will remember all or most of this but the others may not have been informed.

By agreement with the donor, Corliss Lamont, the money is to be used for expenses in my FOIA suits.

When I was supposed to speak at Hunter in March I wrote Mrs. Lamont, who it turned out had died. Corliss answered by phone and later by mail. I had known and respected Mrs. Lamont when she was married to a friend and co-worker, the late Bob Lamb, who was one of the later members of the staff of the Senate committee for which we both worked.

C She was a well-connected, well-informed and sophisticated person, older than I. I had intended asking her if she knew a foundation that might become interested in my work.

O Mr. Lamont and I finally met when I was in New York City last month. We had a (for me) very pleasant dinner the night of 4/18. He said that he had no foundation connections. Clearly he stays busy with his own interest. However, he did offer this contribution to the work and I accepted it gladly.

O I thought about how best to use it not in my personal interest and in accord with his wishes. With the expenses we face in these FOIA cases and our desire to depose a number of CIA and FBI people, after my return I wrote and told him that if it met with his approval, I'd like to give you the entire sum for you to use on these expenses, especially depositions, if the courts permit them.

P He responded with a phone call in which he expressed agreement. With his check in today's mail was a letter I'll also copy and give you for your records. By the time you return from Florida it will be safe to deposit this check. I do suggest that you either keep a separate set of records or start a special account so that, if Mr. Lamont ever asks, we can account for every penny used in the manner I said. I believe records will be adequate.

Y He had two special interests. It turns out that he was initially interested in the WC's third Altgens picture, the question of the man in the doorway; and in the Oswald use of his pamphlet as the one on which to stamp the 544 address. The Democratic Digest never returned my pix on the former and others have decimated my files on the latter. I wrote Hoch about getting good, clear copies of the latter (I gave Mr. Lamont the best I had, my last copies, in fact) and spoke to Groden 4/21 about replacing the pictures. I've had no acknowledgement from Hoch after a considerable time. Robert is financially strapped. I had told him I'd pay the costs and having heard nothing have written him again. There is no rush because Mr. Lamont is going to China, but with this considerable and unusual kindness I do want to do what little I can to repay him.

If I did not send you a carbon, I did explain why I wanted dupes to Hoch. That letter was not returned so I presume it reached him. Perhaps Howard has that sequence. But I did want Mr. Lamont to have the confirmation Paul got from DJ on the FBI's withholding of that pamphlet from the WC and I thought it would be only fair to Paul for Mr. Lamont's record to reflect that this was Paul's work, as I told Mr. Lamont, not my own.

On another matter, decide if you want a good UHF aerial so you can get 26 and then see if you are permitted to put one up. I have an excellent one for you by accident, the roofer's having broken my aerial when he took it off to put a new roof on. Because the only time I could get this done the wholesalers were closed and I wanted to get it done without a long, messy wait, I had to make other arrangements, a booster so the one aerial can be used for 2 sets; I have all you'll need except possible leading. Best,