

Howard,

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For several days I've been hearing rumors that you are coming up to the NSA congress. They seem to trace back to Floyd. I should hear from him any minute. He is probably waiting to get the WATS. He phoned while I was out mowing. (I wish he would so I can onto something on which I'd like to concentrate.)

Some of this is in case you do not come up. Some you should know anyway.

One of the NSA officers and several others were here a while back. I recommended that they have Al Lowenstein as a speaker. There is some opposition, so I suggested you as an alternative. I do not know if they've been in touch with you.

I don't know who transcribed your Maryland speech but Floyd is passing it around. It is building you quite a reputation and following.

This morning I had a phone call from one of Al's student helpers or associates named Long. He is a stranger to me. Al phoned him and asked him to ask me to be at Al's speech Saturday. He is speaking on his own, not under NSA auspices. Some of the students have hired a room that holds 500. Al wants me to speak with him. I agreed but urged instead that he have you and Jim. Long will be speaking to him tomorrow and will pass it on.

Al is flying in for this, from California. If he takes a red-eye I've offered to pick him up at the airport because it will be a lot less driving for me than for one of the kids who'll probably be pooped anyway. I'll be more than a third of their way to Dulles as I go into DC from here and the early a.m. is no sweat for me.

If you are coming up anyway, try to make it by Saturday a.m. so you can speak.

If they have asked you to speak and you're coming anyway, then it makes no difference.

Floyd has been doing very well, in all ways. His presentation of a bill of particulars has been read in draft by several who have called it the best yet. If that isn't saying much because of the comparison it is saying much because of the impression it makes on students.

His organizational work, his energy and his willingness to go sleepless has made him new friends, as it should have, and respect what he arranged at Md. did not get him. He now has the respect of the guy who was next to the most against him then and would have been most if he'd been their leader.

So, that part is going well.

Another advantage of your being there is so that some of these kids can get to know you and perhaps arrange speaking engagements at their schools, if you can take them on from time to time. Don't do this without a fee that more than covers your costs.

I believe Al will have and will deserve a good audience. He has been very responsible, a rarity, and he has a considerable accomplishment. This means that you also would have a good audience. And I know you'd make a real contribution to him and the whole project.

I don't really care if I speak or not. I was serious in suggesting you and Jim instead. If there are problems perhaps it might be better if I were a sort of reserve. I know Floyd wants me as a fireman but hasn't yet told me when.

It just occurred to me that if he wants us all to speak it would make a kind of workshop on all the assassinations and all the generations. Al's age is between Jim's and mine.

Best,