

I'm not troubled by not receiving the books you wanted me to read but I do wonder if this indicates that your interesting project is not going forward. Which is why I write.

I've been getting others to make copies of a few things that I think might be of use or interest to you. Today I received a xerox of John Lemon Hart's testimony for the CIA before the House Select Committee on Assassination. I intend to read and annotate it. Although I'm not certain that you'll find it either relevant or interesting, I also have a xerox of a book in magazine form by an Australian, Denis Freney. One of its subtitles is "The CIA, organized crime & arms dealers in ... THE LOANS AFFAIRS CONSPIRACY" that figured in the ousting of the Whitlam government.

If you have sources inside your own intelligence community I suggest that if they have information on the OSS record, particularly in Italy, it may be of interest. I was in OSS, as a soldier in the Presentation Branch and as a civilian in the Division of Latin American Affairs. Some of our internal information that passed through my hands indicates that our Italian operations were a great disaster. Intelligence was thoroughly penetrated and counterintelligence was unable to prevent this. Some of this is probably reported in books on OSS. But I'm inclined to believe that if reported, the magnitude of it was not and that is where your man was then.

There is an matter I will discuss with you when you are here that leads me to suggest that you may want to identify certain US operations against Sukarno in Indonesia. I'm pretty sure one was codenamed Operation Strongback. There may have been at least two such operations. You may have sources that can do this.

You may also want to consider planning to spend more time here than you indicated if you are interested, for example, on the Angleton influence on Edward Jay Epstein and his book that ultimately appeared under a changed title, Legend. The Nosenko material may also take some time to read and digest and perhaps copy. (We do have a copier but it is neither automatic nor fast.) If you have access to newspaper morgues, or libraries as some are now called here, it might be useful to get copies of the various stories first reporting Nosenko's defection, 2/64.

Remind me also when you are here to show you how they monitored what authors and others were saying without figuring publicly in that domestic intelligence. He had a front set up and I have copies of some bills and checks in payment. Some of those people had to go in the Watergate aftermath. The guy who appears to have run it seems to have transferred to another spookery.

I cannot connect it with Angleton but I have a prima facie case of E. Howard Hunt running an anti-publishing operation. Involving my first book. I have a cover he used and two cover addresses for it, one connecting with Watergate and with him when he was on the lam. There is a possibility that this may connect with the Mexican laundry of Watergate money.

The FBI's foreign mail intercepts, publicized by the Church committee here, was for the CIA and I believe its counterintelligence branch. My mail, with chapters of my second book sent to my London agent, Gordon Harbord, was long delayed. Mail to me from Fischer A.G., Germany, never reached me. And then Leslie Frauin was fed bad information while he was drawing up a contract for my first book. Perhaps he may, if still around, remember who gave the bad information to him or he may have a note on it. Believing that information, he decided not to publish that book. Which says that Oswald's career in New Orleans is consistent with what in intelligence is called establishing a cover. The CIA had access to it, I'm sure, when it was at Raeger's in New York. He was a CIA publisher in those years....If you'll be staying in Washington, we are about an hour away except at rush hour...I think that you may want to interview Epstein but suggest that you delay it until after some reading. Sincerely,

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