

Dear Bud,

4/15/80

We haven't moved. We have the fourth address since we've been here - street numbers.

My Souetre file is skimpy. It consists of some of the records you mention and what Gary Shaw wrote for Penn Jones' newsletter. If he had a follow-up I probably didn't see it because I don't subscribe.

Because of the heroin angle I wrote Les Payne but he did not reply. I suppose your reference to Newsday is to its work on The Heroin Trail, of which Les was part.

Have you spoken to Marchetti? People crusading against the drug traffic?

De Vosjoly might know something but I've always suspected that the CIA had him doubled. He appears to have been strongly opposed to the SDECE side-line of drugs and smuggling. He is pretty far right, too, so any "liberal" would interest him.

A few suggestions on your memo if you ever do it over:

SDECE is not the French Secret Service (p.1). It is one of their intelligence agencies, exterior.

We don't really know what the FBI told Alderson (p. 3). Rather is it what he says they said, and I doubt that any agent who wanted to keep his job would have said that "they believed Souetre killed JFK." There are those this might turn off.

Your 8th question is "How much of the Souetre/Mertz story was passed along to the Warren Commission? Have you asked the Archives? If they have any still classified records you know it is something other than what you have. If his name was mentioned they should have a file on him.

I don't recall seeing his name in any FBI records I've read.

Don't be too hopeful because while he meets some of the prerequisites he could not have done the job for any spookery and if he free-lanced it one of them offered him for it. So he'd have expected.

Couple of days ago I came across on FBI (1974) list of field offices by the abbreviations, which can be confusing. I enclose a copy.

A friend has a copy of Case for Conspiracy, by Michael Newton, on the King assassination. Know anything about him? It is a heavily-flawed pot boiler, rehashes with a bit of theorizing. He wrote and asked permission to quote "Rise-Up, in 1977, when, he said, he had it 2/3 done. He also made some promises he didn't keep. I'd not asked. He volunteered, as I'd forgotten until I just checked my file. Oddly, he gave general delivery as his address in Nashville, Ind.

Best,