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Dear Harold,

Just a quick note. About a week ago I got a call from a guy near Phila. named Floyd Murray. He seemed pretty intelligent and sincere. He has an interest in JFK case, and unfortunately has had some contacts with the nuts--very little. He has a friend in Texas (Tom) who sent him a bunch of documents which he (Tom) received from Jacob Davidson, and he doesn't know where to trace them before Davidson. The papers concern Fred Lee Chrisman, who Murray says is a former CIA agent, right winger, minuteman, etc. He says some of the documents purport to be CIA reports on Chrisman, although from what he read to me they sound phony. I think one of the file numbers on one of the pages was "OSS-CIA" with numbers following. Chrisman was also supposed to have been in OSS. Apparently some of the info Murray has comes from Ed Jeffords, who he says is now in Arkansas and is not talking. I think Sprague is involved in this too, and my hunch is that all of it originates with CTIA. Esp. when Murray said that a photo of Chrisman looks just like---one of the Dallas tramps.

Murray said he's been looking for someone in his area to discuss this with, and he thought I might be in Phila. When he found out I was down here, he got my number anyway (from my folks) and called to see if I could direct him to anyone. I told him it all sounded hokey to me, and that I'd mention the matter to someone who would probably know more about it to see for sure if it is all CTIA Bullshit. He said he was intrigued by it but not sure whether to believe the stuff he had and now wants to check it with others because he's thinking of writing an article and trying to get it published.

I figure you must have heard of Chrisman before (I haven't), and, if you get a moment, let me know if you'd be interested in getting copies of what Murray has or getting in touch with him, or if the whole thing is just old drek (which I suspect), in which case I'll drpp Murray a note and tell him to forget the whole thing.

Best,

*Harold*

1/29/76

Dear Howard,

For the first time ever your third-class mailing was opened for inspection. I don't know why or where but the postage-due stamp was added locally and tomorrow I'll phone to ask wherein it violated 3rd class but I'm sure in that you had a letter to me in it, which made the whole package first class. What I will also want to know is whether the notes you added to enclosures, helpful, are prohibited. I've not had time to read them but will when I can.

I have an extra Qui in today's mail if you or JDW want it.

The names Floyd Murray and Jacob Davidson do not come to mind. I know that of Ed Jeffords but forget why. Of the rest I can be helpful and will. But to answer your question, if you would tell him that I am today physically unable to engage in unnecessary correspondence and why I would like to go over that stuff because some of it seems faked and because it may not originate with CIA. It could have.

Where I can identify it the origin is Garrison. Fred Lee Crisman (no "H", maybe double S) is a far-northwest far-righter that probably Bill Turner first got Garrison chasing. He made a fool of Garrison by not opposing appearing before the grand jury and doing it. Garrison's explanation of me is that "they sent their top man to feel me out." Wherever it started, Garrison also thought one of the pictures looked like Crisman, his only real handle except that Boeing is where Crisman was. Really. I think they finally cast Crisman in some kind of boss role, maybe paymaster.

Do tell Murry it is garbage if you think he is serious and do encourage him to send me copies without expectation of response. Plus whatever he knows about "Tom" and Davidson.

Some of those far-right types always worked for the FBI and it did penetrate just about all their organizations. So, this could be some such operation, not necessarily aimed at any of the informed people but merely to spread disinformation and destroy all credibility.

Specter refused my certified letter asking him to set up a debate. Three times! Think I'll send copies of the letter and envelope to all the Phila. papers. I mean he is always home or his wife and family or even maid are cued in.

Nothing new not reflected in enclosures.

Best,