

8/15/68

Dear Lou,

Gary has some Nagell-Kroman-McNabb information on which he cannot reveal his source, known to me. I have asked him to prepare a memo which he believes will adequately cover this and I will go over it to be certain it does not withhold too much and forward. If he doesn't do this, I will use my own judgement and do it myself.

He asks that if any additional information is sought from the girls, he be the exclusive contact with them, with which I am in accord. With what has happened in that area, it may be essential for all interests.

He got from them a sample of McNabb's handwriting in the form of a note he gave them in Mexico City. I have loaned it to Bud and will send when I get back. It would have been much better if anyone had conceived that with Bud and me but an hour apart, some constructive purpose might have been served by letting us know about each other!

Kroman knows McNabb and made strong efforts to learn Gary's source of knowledge about him, 7/22/68. K volunteered that McNabb always stayed at the Del Prado Hotel in Mexico City. K claimed McNabb was no friend of Nagell, forcefully. He was startled and reacted when Gary said McNabb knew Nagell as a double agent. He tried to impress on Gary that any contacts with McNabb would be dangerous. He then made what Gary took to be a subtle threat, making reference to how tragic it would be were he to lose the sight of his remaining eye. Gary was then still blinded by bandages but had a co-worker with him, at K's apartment. He identified one Doris Salzburger as completely blind through her work on this. She is with him, I think Gary said radical right. Gary was not staying home and no one knew the friends with whom he was staying. He was surprised to get a phone call from K that night. He also revealed knowledge of something never discussed, of an old girl friend of Gary's. From here he went on to say he didn't know McNabb, was confusing him with an Joe McNair or McCabe, a very dangerous character. This guy, he says, is syndicate, through Mr. Lubin, St. Louis.

During Gary's absence, he has a co-worker who will be in contact with Salzburger.

There are here broad inferences of the operation of the department of disinformation throughout the tale, all of it. I cannot judge.

The two, for now anonymous girls met McNabb in Mexico City the night of 2/20/68. He took the initiative in meeting them, first calling himself "Vince". Has Florida business selling second-hand airplanes. He soon gave the girls the impression he had had dealings with Jim. He told them that when they got home if they got the 2/5 Newsweek and looked at the back cover they'd find the name of a man who financed the assassination. On that page is the name of McLendon. He told them he had once worked for the CIA. When I get the note back you will see that he had Nagell's correct institutional address, not as given in Ramparts. He also said he had just visited the Russian Embassy and in connection with Nagell. He asked them to write Nagell, saying Carl had suggested. They did not. He proposed to one of the girls that she fly to him to the villa of a friend in Spain. You will find the Prisoner Number on the Xerox. It would be interesting to know if this is the correct one.

On June 10 Tom Dunkin was in Miami and said he had been seen in Columbus by McNabb, who showed him pictures and said in effect he was working for Garrison. This is what I was trying to communicate to you elliptically by phone.

Best regards,