

Dear Oliver,

1/6/79

Your 12/29/78 with the Jerry cassette and the pkg of cassettes have both come. Thanks. Lots of listening when I can get time. Poor as the quality of the cassettes made by your friend of the newcasts may be it can be a useful historical record.

If I were you I'd forget about contesting anyone in DJ over having stolen property, namely the map you stole from Jerry. Or my letter to him. They had a legit. interest if it were an escape plan and it was referred by HSCA.

And under the circumstances who can blame the FBI for putting Jerry under 24-hour surveillance? If they had reason to suspect Jimmy would make the escape attempt in the map?

From what you say I believe it likely that Baetz was at least close to the truth because it is right and proper, not wrong under the circumstances.

You don't say what you were in touch with the ACLU about but if you get any \$\$\$ from HSCA if I were you I'd forget the whole thing and go about enjoying life. It is a no-win deal to fight with them under the existing situation and besides, they are out of business now and you'd have to sue the House.

Thanks for the offer of the tape of the session with Wolf & Wulf but the transcript is enough. If there is anything other than the committee transcribed in the Baetz tapes that could be interesting.

Hear John is out of jail and has a job. But I've not heard from him.

I've gone over the HSCA's stuff on him and it is silly to even talk about it, that meaningless and self-contradictory.

<sup>Sure</sup> if being an "affidavit witness" means you worked for HSCA you now have the proof. Especially if they did not take your affidavit.

FBI hasn't sent your records yet but I was told several weeks ago that they had been copied. There is a check but unless there is some kind of close question on releasing something should have come by now.

Please don't do anything about what follows except if you can give me advice. All my little transistor radios are going bad, alas, and the oldest are by far the best for my purposes. Namely keeping the set with me when I walk or work. Oddly the best cost me only \$9 about 11 years ago. Not much volume but sensitive and selective as a really good set. Fits in shirt pocket, too, and 9vold battery really lasts in it. Bad volume control. Been in local shop two months, no word. I'd pay more than the original cost because it is so hot a little set and can separate the local stations away from the all-news stations in Washington I want to hear when I walk or work. I also have an am-fm Channelmaster they optioned to send me instead of the set I sent back for repairs about 8 years ago. Eats batteries up but has good volume and can get one of the am news stations. Fine on FM, which has no news stations around here now. It also appears to be developing a bad volume control. So the workhorse is an even older AM-SW Channelmaster with a speaker that needs a cone, or replacement, but no problem on news, so no problem with the great set - except that it won't fit in any pocket. I got stuck on the newest one, AM, FM and TV VHF. Good only on TV VHF. And eat up batteries and will fit in jacket pocket but not shirt pocket. So, what I'd like to know, assuming I can't get any repairs made locally, is if you know of a good and small am-fm set that will fit in shirt pocket. Sony used to make one, but I guess they have all given up sensitivity and selectivity for volume and price. The one I like ~~the~~ is called Viscount. Every time I get near a store here I try one and none is any good of those available in this small city. I do spend much time walking and working around the place. Except when I use chain saw I can listen and like to keep up with news. But if I have a make and model number I can look around here or when I'm in DC and have any time. Take care, have a good year, and thanks,

AO

Quin,

Orwell is not dead. He is alive and well in Washington, as you may have suspected for your own reasons.

"Affidavit witness" appears to be one who does not provide any affidavit. And travels, and provides transportation to others and steals.

I have the "interview we conducted" transcript and there is no mention of any affidavit in it.

Oh, well - you can't lose 'em all.

HW 1/6/79

12/29/78

Harold.

Still without newspapers  
so much like you have had no  
news about anything of value.  
John has not been in the  
news at all.

Jerry and James Earl were  
interviewed by John Able KSD-TV  
last week about the conspiracy  
allegations about Jerry from  
the committee. Able was at  
Brushy Mt. and interviewed  
Jerry, ~~John~~ James, and James wife.  
Nothing really of importance.

The letters to Bell and  
Webster could question them  
about having copies of the  
tapes & or maps (stolen prop.)

According to Basty a meeting was held between Blakely, Bell and Webster and someone else after ~~at~~ at which the map & letter were turned over and discussed by the A.G. & FBI. Jerry was, according to Basty put under 24 hr. a day surveillance by the F.B.I. because of the map. This meeting would - could possibly indicate that Bell, Webster and the rest were in possession of stolen property - not even to mention the possibility of receiving the tapes which implications there are obvious. Rules of H.S.C.A. state no electronic surveillance of any kind.

and the meeting held between them and Blakey in D.C. shortly after receiving the map. Possibly inadvertently questioning if Bush had indeed told me the truth or not about the meeting.

Meaningful or not on Sept 15, 1978 I was set to talk to the H.S.C.A. in New York and ironically on the same day Bell was in St L. addressing a meeting about how the ghost of Watergate still lingers over the A.G. Office and that he probably would not be A.G. if Carter runs again because of Watergate improprieties about the office of A.G.

I have been in touch with John Lee of the ACLU here in St. L. and talked a long time but mailed him some info and haven't heard anything.

I have the original tapes of the Boety-Patterson etc. phone calls — Confidential —

Would you like copies of the cassette of the interview in N.Y. — I know you have transcripts.

I will make you audio tapes of TV + Radio broadcasts which I have which might pertain to anything.

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No one I know has ever even  
heard of Blair Bryant. John P.D.

I'm mailing you a tape of  
and interview which was played  
in St. L. by Dahl on KSD-TV  
called Jerry Ray goes public. If  
you already have it - use the tape  
for something else. It's 5 segments  
at about 5 min a piece and I  
think on both sides. Taped right  
after break-out attempt last year.

Enclosed is copy of letter  
from H.S.C.A.

I'll be in touch.

Mike

Letter from H.S.C.A. kind of  
proves that I did work  
for them - doesn't it?

It leaves it open as to how  
much they are going to pay  
me \$5 or \$500 - probably 5¢!!

I am supposed to appear on  
a local interview show on KMOX-TV  
to be taped Jan 14, 78 with a  
professor from St L's Washington  
D.C. and discuss the H.S.C.A. Will  
keep you informed of that.

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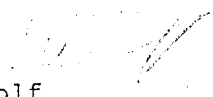
Mr. Oliver Patterson  
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Dear Mr. Patterson:

I have been informed by the Chairman that he has reviewed the interview we conducted with you, and your claimed expenses. The Chairman has informed me that he has instructed our Budget Officer to process a check for you for the expenses you legitimately incurred in the course of being an "affidavit witness" before the Committee.

You should be receiving the check in the mail directly shortly after the new year.

Sincerely,

  
James L. Wolf  
Deputy Chief Counsel

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cc: Melvin Wulf, Esquire