

5/20/89

L. Fletcher Prouty
4201 Peachtree St.,
Alexandria, VA 22304

Dear Fletch,

Thanks for your 5/15/ recollections. I'm sorry I don't now recall why but I think it was the Wasp that was on the Indonesia operation.

Maybe some day we'll see a reference in print and of the code name.

I'm sure we'll hear no more from Navasky. What remains to be seen is whether he has learned enough to overcome the prejudices he and Kopkind indulged in and not to publish more of that propaganda again.

We have no way of knowing whether he got other letters setting him straight.

Ditto for Kopkind.

I'm not at all convinced that Navasky did and does that kind of thing to hold his job.

I think that he and Kopkind really believe their crap as they rewrite that part of our history.

Best,

W. A. Cole

4201 Peachtree Place, Alexandria, VA 22304

May 15, 1989

Dear Harold,

Thanks for the "FBI tickler" and more for your good note. I've got bundles of those FBI notes and do not look for more. There are so many other things to do.

Now as for the WASP. You have a good memory. As I recall it we did have a U.S. Navy carrier, could have been the Wasp, down near the Christmas Island that is about 10 degrees south latitude and directly south of Jakarta. I know there was some ship there in charge of the submarines we were using.

I'm sorry I can not recall any code name for the Navy operation in 1958 down there in Indonesia. The only fellow who might have known died a short time ago. My old assistant Bill Mullan.

We are not going to hear from Navatsky. If he wants to keep his job, he is going to have to accept and print stuff like that Kopkind dirt, and he is never going to be able to say anything about it. For all we know he may agree with us. He's in a tough world.

Harold, I can't recall whether or not I have ever told you; but the sixth man in the Tramps picture #1...two fake police, three Tramps and one man with his side to the camera and walking away, is none other than Maj Gen Edward G. Lansdale. I have had associates confirm that. Now what was Lansdale doing at Dealey Plaza that day? Was he coordinating the whole show under the guise of MONGOOSE? Could be.

As ever,

Fitch