

Dear Jerry,

9/5/80

Your tape of the 28th came promptly but I got it the morning I went to the hospital for some testing and did not have time to listen to it until now. I go back to the hospital for arterial surgery on the 15th so I have little time for foolishness now. Meaning your high-school freshman type foolishness.

I had to go to the drug store to get some medicine so I thought that would be a good time to listen. When I came to the clowning you pulled before with your so-called friend Doc, your act of letting a couple of musician pals in sox you could sing with them, I knew from the past that you'd be playing records or tapes so I turned it off. Even if you played records and they are good ones, I'm not interested. I have my own music and when I want it I select what I want. The principle is the same, I have no interest in taking time to listen to such things. So if you had anything else, I don't know what it is.

You said that either or both, the FBI and the assassins committee, were paying for Baetz' lawyer in defending the suit Jimmy filed in St. Louis. (Oliver told me about it.) If you have proof of that I could probably find a reporter in Washington who'd be interested. I don't see how the committee could because it hasn't existed for more than a year and I don't see how the FBI could without the kinds of tricks with bookkeeping that would get them in trouble. Unless he and Webster are defended by the same lawyer.

I agree with John, 4-1,000,000 shots are hard to accept. It was a little too pat for Baetz just happening to be where John was.

Whatever happens, it will be good when Pepper and Lane can get to filing the pardon application for Jimmy. I heard Pepper when with Fleche represented you before the assassins. He appears to be a very able man.

Of course I'll be interested in what Jimmy comes up with for the pardon application. I think you told me he was going to prove who was behind the ring job. Could be interesting, depending on how much is real and how much can be made to stack.

His memory is short. When I wanted to investigate that way, as you should remember, he was opposed to it and would provide no help. Maybe that's why he is still locked up for the rest of his life?

But if he can do it, more power to him!

I think you and Jimmy are wrong in believing what I once believed, that the FBI was helping Hule. I have since found out that they hate him over some of his writing that ridiculed them. They never forget or forgive. There is no doubt that what Jimmy gave him through Hanes reached the FBI, but that doesn't mean they gave him anything and I don't remember anything like that in his crazy writing.

Frank and the others, I'm sure things were provided to them.

To understand Hule you have to understand that he has an ego like no other one. He could very well have had his own money in mind because he is sick, inside, over the jackass he made of himself. So if he could get a confession he could live with himself.

He thinks that he alone understands anything. He also expected Jimmy to confess exclusively to him before trial. That is why he didn't want any trial until he had what crazy one that he is he really thought he had bought from Jimmy.

I think the book the FBI got p'd off over is Three Lives for Mississippi.

Sincerely,