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Dear Hal,

The man who phoned me on Jim Eason's program the first Sunday in February, who rather surprisingly identified himself as a homosexual, may now be able to help me, for I am interested in a man who has the appreciation of violence of which he spoke. I have given you his address if you do not have it, and his phone number. I spoke to him that p.m. from Harv's (what's with Harv?).

While I am not at all certain how, if at all, this new man fits, let me tell you about him, and perhaps you will also have other sources to tap.

His name is Bruce Owens. Or Owen. He used to live in New Orleans at 1031 Roysl. He is the s of an s-m pair, the partner having been (or being) Judith Allen, a tall, thin, hungry-looking girl of whom I have a better description on a tape I haven't been able to transcribe. At one time she may have lived in New Orleans at 783 Ursulines. He was a thief in the Old French Opera House in New Orleans, although his official function was that of waiter. In short, he is also a professional thief. On the same tape I have a better description of him. Both descriptions are from those who knew them well. At one point they had a child, rapidly disposed of in order to present minimum interference with their proclivities.

In checking with an unofficial source in New Orleans, one for whom and for whose information I have the highest regard, I have just gotten this (anything in parens is my addition):

"Bruce Owens...Brother-in-law of Jim Poole's wife '61-62. Knew Thornley, Al Thompson, Vic Latham; all that crew Brother of Paul Owens "his bend of Lyla Hay, who worked in Jim Garrison's office in '63. (Latham, former bartender at Bourbon house, as I recall it, according to new information I have, read me of "The Idle Warriors", was that close to Thornley. I know of no one else who read this and who acknowledges it.) As of Dec. '67 address was 319 Divisadero St., San Fran. (and I think he should not be approached at this time, if that is still his pad.) and is operating a hippie crech pad. Think he also worked at Castillos (Carlos, "Castillo's Mexican Restaurant, 620 Conti St., who becomes of greater and greater interest - if he is not on the list I gave Bernardo he should be, as rapidly as possible. I was so tired that night I do not recall. There is much I can already say about him) but wcn't swear to it..but I connect him with it in some way.. Don't know about the parrot (often on shoulder) but did have earring, will check... also on Ruthie.."

First, the perhaps unnecessary injunction that these people enjoy what pains others! Second, although it is not of present top priority, it is the kind of think that sometimes must be approached slowly and carefully, and I hope that at least you can interest Moss, for I'd like to know all I can by the next time I go to N.O. If you can do anything on this, let me know and I'll tell you whatever I learn in N.O., if anything, this trip.

Kerry was a contributing editor of a newsletter called "Inovator" in LA. I have locals checking that out. I tell you in case you or friends of yours know anything about it or its other cont. ed., "El Ray" (sic), editor Robert Eray, contributor Jack Pierce, former LA cop (who I seem to recall as involved in some kind of a right-wing scandal).

Best to everyone,

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Dear Barbara,

For Kelly's mother, also a big hug for the wonderful things she is doing. Spoke briefly and elliptically with MM today.

As you can see from the enclosed, I'm asking for help in SF.

On those things you numbered, when you can will you please expand in a memo (copy for MM, one for me) that I can get when I'm there? It is the only way we'll be able to really use it.

I know the frustration you describe. I have learned to live with it. It comes from great preoccupation and the limit to the hours in the day, nothing else. This is why I asked you, despite the fact that you also stay busy, to put everything on paper. When MM is away, save in emergency you are right to speak to no other. There are a number of reasons for this, but remember also he is the one I thought before it was made official you should speak to and vice versa.

When Philip Postright was in the quarter, he knew two men well. I do not know if they know each other. One is Kerry, the other Martin. When next you speak to Martin, see if you can, diplomatically, learn if he knew Kerry and if so, how well. He is interested in poetry and it seems that Kerry actually wrote some, so you might inquire if he ever read any of Kerry's. Or, perhaps, the ms of his unpublished "Idle Warriors".

The lady is not "Amata" (please tell me when I'm there what directed you to her) but Armanda (Jarvis). She had worked in one place for a long time, left abruptly, died within a month of the discovery of her cancer. She did, as you say, know much. I have learned some of it. You know some of it and have been trying to check it out. She reputedly was intelligent and of elephantine memory. She is not at all irrelevant.

Joel has twice called me, neither time calling back when I wasn't home and he said he would. Do not understand.

Courtney and Caire have a current relationship in the 250-yr. celebration. Oswald applied to Caire for a job. His address is masked in O's notebook. Courtney ran a big campaign to blockade Cuba until Kennedy did it, whereupon he denounced Kennedy and it as a fake "extravaganza". Was the meeting on your initiative? I hope you have made a complete memo and conveyed to MM.... And I did use the tape, for the envelopes sometimes do not close well.... Wife out of cost two weeks and getting along uncomfortably but well... She cannot fly... Did Martin ever publish his book? On what was it... Caire also helped Arcache, who fleeced... And when next you answer, please, instead of using numbers, tell me what you are responding to, for I cannot connect the numbers with my letter. See you soon and thanks.

Sincerely,