

11/19/69

Dear Howard,

I was in Washington today, expect to return there tomorrow, so I answer your very kind letter of the 14th in haste.

Many thanks for the two copies from Burrard. May I suggest that, as SOP, when you make copies of such things you identify each with the full title and whether or not copyrighted? Where the copy may be reproduced, use soft pencil on the back. It will also help you as time fogs recall. If you haven't learned this, you will, alas.

Appreciate your comments on O in NC. Unfortunately, it was cut (had to be), but injudiciously, and the typographical errors were never corrected. But it remains the one book on the subject (in advance of it) and is without major error, no real ones.

Your question about Hall and Howard is one. They can make out a case of being framed by the FBI (I frankly do not know and until I do must give them the benefit of the doubt. I have interviewed Hall three times and Howard twice. It is all on tape. Hall is one of the more enormous liars. Both are fascists. On suspicions, yes, until there are really positive answers. But the FBI case is no case. I believe the Odio story, and the FBI and Liebler both tried to break her down and couldn't.

I'd forgotten that Akin testimony. It fits the theory I believe I gave you perfectly. Dick, I know, will be interested, for he and I have gone into the same thing.

Your 11/15: when you see Finck's N.O. testimony on the anterior wound, you'll realize there are but two possibilities: a sample was removed or he perjured himself (both are possible).

Some of the pencil doctors have been more helpful than they intended. There was no time for me to show you that file (and I have some of it in confidence). But when you see ~~XX~~ FMII you'll see. I look forward to this very much,

Please excuse the haste. Best regards.

Sincerely,

CC Bernabei

*orig of the case P.M.H.*