

To Jim Garrison from Harold Weisberg 3/20/68

Rose

Several of the people I interviewed this trip indicate the belief they saw ~~the man whose picture I got from Larry Howard and who looks like Rose here in New Orleans.~~ the man whose picture I got from Larry Howard and who looks like Rose here in New Orleans. You are aware of the similarity of the picture of Rose you have and the picture I got. Those helping us in California agreed there is a similarity between the ~~way~~ they see and the Howard picture.

I asked that a picture of him be taken, if possible, in a close approximation of the old one. This seems not to have been possible, but it may yet be done. I have repeated the request several times.

like, Day before yesterday I again spoke to Steve Burten about this. He is not the one I asked to attempt to get the picture but he and others ~~are~~ aware of my concern.

Apparently he deduced that if we could not get a clandestine picture and make the comparison, more direct action was called for. He showed the Howard picture to Rose.

Rose, he says, took it coolly. He acknowledged the resemblance and said he could not disprove that he is the man in the picture.

This may be precisely the case. However, I would suggest that under the circumstances, an effort would not be inappropriate and that disproof might not be impossible. It is often possible to prove a negative, despite the contrary and basic presumption of the Warren Report. For example, Rose might prove he was not in Florida at the time the picture was taken, or that he has characteristics not in the picture, or vice versa.

I suggest that Clancy make enlargements from the group picture taken at the key and that copies be sent me for consideration of my witness and others and Art and/or Steve Burten for their current use.

As you are aware, Rose's reward for the services asked of him are not commensurate with his former income and are probably inadequate for his minimum living expenses. We therefore must assume that he has such a dedication to what we seek that he was willing to undergo considerable personal jeopardy and lack of income in its pursuit. This is not impossible, but it may be improbable, particularly if he has no cash reserves.

In two cases, I know he ran the risk of arrest. When I consider the closeness of the surveillance of me I am not willing to assume it is restricted to me. When I consider the people whose trash he has robbed and whose premises he has trespassed upon, I am unwilling to assume they are not concerned about the possibility of at least pilfering—particularly the Bradley types, and Bradley is one case ^d only.

Rose gave me two disposable hypodermics he says he recovered about 4 a.m. from the trash of the wealthy s-m cat. Possibly this man is here inconsistent or careless and made it possible, does not have the kind of paranoia that seems to be somewhat ~~sharp~~ characteristic. Maybe he is without apprehension about his associates and what this kind of carelessness might do to them.

It could even be that with his knowledge of the gratification these in whom he is interested derive from beating others he has not thought of the pleasure he tempts them with by presenting them with the legal excuse for beating him - before making charges against him and causing his arrest as the coup de grace - or that they might shoot him as a suspected burglar.

Other possibility exist. Certainly Rose may be what he pretends to be.

However, his conduct is entirely consistent with company interests, in penetration, observation and booby-trapping.

And, particularly with the resemblance in the pictures, I believe it is asking much to assume all the reasons for mistrusting him cannot obtain.

I would appreciate being kept informed, for I am dealing with several other such types and a third is on the horizon.