

11/23/68

Dear Gary,

Your mailing of 11/21 special delivery arrived today. Again I remind you we have no special delivery in the country. It came with the rest of the mail. But thanks. The Lifton letter to Barry are provocative. I do not know what Barry told him, and I cannot suggest Lifton's bad advice is sinister. The one way to get a picture of Youngblood without paying for it is from the publisher, despite what Dave says. The publisher also has other PR materials that may contain information.

Galt-Bolden comment interesting. When you can, can you amplify B's complaint against Turner? Right now, having seen some of the awful horseshit he has been feeding Jim, I am very interested in him. I know of nothing his own that stacks up, not a single thing, and I do know many of them have cost Jim an enormous amount of time and money he doesn't have and cannot spare for such wasteful things.

Steve B has changed. He was a bitter disappointment to me on the recent trip. However, I urge tolerance, for he is but 19. His judgement will mature, he'll be less of an uncritical hero worshipper. He has a few personal hangups that complicate things. In the past he has been very, very good.

In the letter to Paul, please note caution. What I refer to is Ed Butler and INCA. Paul did an excellent memo a year ago. There is a letter from William Klein, who drew up the original papers for Free Voice of Latin America with much on Butler. I think he is an essential part of the literature distribution story. Butler may be no more than a natural-born fink, making a dishonest buck as best he can and regarding it as honest because it is he. He is utterly unscrupulous, an instinctive liar who, however, readily confesses lying as soon as confronted and begins all over again in the midst of the oath of perpetual purity. After seeing him he is still hard to believe. I have a few other things about him. I would like to know all that can be.

I still haven't had a chance to touch the accumulated mail but I shall as soon as I finish filing what I brought back. One is the T-P Bringuier file. I will be sending you a few things that do not originate with me. These are to help with the investigation only, not to be used or shown in any other way.

In haste,

Herold Weisberg

Harold:

Good work all around, especially (I hope) with regard to Jim. If he is becoming as paranoid as it sounds bear in mind that you are just the type of person of whom he'll be most afraid since you represent the peaks of both honesty and rationality, not to mention the fact that he will know that you are well aware of his faults and failings.

Enclosed are two Lifton letters which were sent to Barry.

About 2 or 3 days after the King assassination Fran Galt was contacted by the FBI and asked about any relatives in the South or anyone who might want to use his name. The name Eric Starvo Galt was not yet in the papers. This indicated that they hadn't checked their own files for the name Galt, or if they had they lied to him. They said they got it out of a phone directory as the only Galt in Wisconsin. (Had he acted as an informant before he made the FBI clear it with his parole officer he wouldn't have been violating parole.) This also indicated that the Southern offices were doing nothing since his parents live in Birmingham. They weren't contacted until after he told the Wisconsin FBI where they were, as incredible as it sounds! Kroman lied about the negro named Jess in Springfield being Malcolm X's killer. Galt worked in the prison psychologists' office and checked Jess out. He was in there when Malcolm was killed since he hadn't yet finished his 12yr robbery sentence. Bolden was very angry at Turner's Ramparts article and said that the statements attributed to him aren't true or that he didn't say them. (See p68, Ramparts, Jan.1968) Turner's stuff on Underhill is also of dubious validity.

I hope that Hal and Paul share our suspicion of Turner and Boxley. This summer when I came on strong as suspicious of Turner I don't think that Hal agreed and I cut it out. Lane, of course, as usual, discounted it again, despite the fact that I was right in being suspicious of Bervais and he took a similar attitude in response to that and then had to eat crow later.

Trent Gough is looking like either another Lane or another Turner. We could do without publicity men who don't work.

I now have a law student working for me as a researcher which should help. When all this blows over I hope to get that Thomley stuff finished. Enclosed is an excerpt from "Psychiatric Observations on the Warren Commission Report" by Dr. Maier I. Tuchler, which was published in the Journal of Forensic Sciences, vol.11, no.3, July 1966. He chose an interesting example, scarcely by accident, to illustrate his point.

I assume that the Chinaman stuff is no better than Turner, Rose, Boxley, Hepburn, et. al. It's too bad that hard workers like Steve Burton have full faith in these people and criticise me for raising questions as they have done, since they are the ones who have contact with them and whose time is taken up interviewing the crackpots and agents who they turn up. Well, take care. I'd better close.

*Dary*

The package just arrived - postmark Nov.13 from N.O. -  
arrived here on Nov.21  
I may not be able to get you on the phone due to business troubles