

8/20/68 p.m.

Had to phone Matt tonight. He's moved to 1212 Pine, same phone.

One of my N.O. sources who I've discussed with you phoned to report the "accidental" electrocution of Philip Geraci II yesterday. He was an electronics expert. From the account I got it was a strange accident, involving the turning on of the house current when he had turned it off to make a repair. This is not the most dependable source sometimes, so I do not know. I do know it reduces the potential witnesses by that much, and that it is possible he could have been a good and an important witness.

I've made a few more additions to COUP D'ETAT and have not quite finished the things we discussed.

It will be presented to a publisher who says he can be interested next week. Meanwhile, it is important to know if there is any possibility of financing for a private printing, for time has a way of running, and if it could appear before Epstein's that would not be bad. The chances now, however, are slim and then a remote possibility for only a private printing.

Best to you all.

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August 21, 1968

Dear Harold,

I saw Vince after Hal left and found that they got along quite well, which I had expected, and that Vince had invited Hal down for a visit. I never got Hal's address or phone number in New Jersey from him so I haven't heard from him or spoken to him. The last I heard he was planning to visit Dick Sprague in New York and look at all the photos. I will be getting in touch with Dick myself within the next week since we were supposed to get together during the summer.

I somehow left my two recent memos at your place along with Greenstein's address and phone number. (Hal could have conceivably taken them with him by accident.) Don't ask me how it was possible, I've never been able to figure it out, but I always manage to forget something. This is the first time for me to forget something having to do with the case, but considering the mass of material we were all going through at your house, maybe it isn't too surprising. When you get a chance, could you mail them to me. (If you don't locate them, I would greatly appreciate it if you could make copies of the carbons of them which I gave you and send them along with Greenstein's address and number.)

I went down to the Navy base last night and spent several hours with Barry. He found out a few interesting things in Dallas and did some things for Penn. Upon his return to Altoona, he was invited on the radio again. He's very enthusiastic and knows a lot about the case considering his isolation until recently. I told him to check on the Navy autopsy rules for a starting project.

What do you know about "Vince Rose" who is allegedly ex-CIA and working for Garrison. McNabb, who apparently has many aliases, goes by the name of Vince and is supposedly an ex-CIA pilot. Perhaps he is McNabb.

My man is leaving for Alaska in about two weeks. The guy who is looking around El Paso (re Nagell incident) should get in touch when I'm back in Minneapolis.

Enclosed is a check to help compensate you for postage and the cost of copying the documents Hal ordered for you so that I can have a set. I'm only sorry that I can't compensate you for the time it will take. With the Archives charging 20¢ per page none of us can afford to order anything which another of us has.

I will be in Ithaca (Cornell U.) for the next 5 days and hope to see Harry Edwards, the negro leader, there. I will probably return to Minneapolis on the 30th. Take care and give my regards to your wife.

Gary

8/23/68

Dear Gary,

I'm in the throes of a long addition to COMPT D'ETAT in a form permitting its separate use elsewhere, so I'll answer your letter of 8/21 as I read it.

Hal must have your missing papers. By now you have my letter asking if you have my copy. You were both up later the night before and left and packed in some haste and confusion.

As soon as I saw the note that McNabb used the name Vince and claimed any kind of aviation connection I was in touch with Louis immediately, as I was with Bud. I share, as you can see from this, the obvious suspicion. I have also, in a somewhat elliptical form, communicated it to others on the west coast who in return report he has been absent for some time. I have again asked for a picture, from two different sources, for a variety of purposes, including your showing it to the girls. How far am I ahead of you? I also have other purposes. Why those stupid egos out there have failed to get me his picture for 10 months I cannot explain. He also bears a resemblance to Steve Wilson. Nuff said?

Please ask Barry to include ownership of autopsy records, whether or not the Navy is required to keep a permanent file set of everything, conditions of access or denial, whether or not public, copies of all applicable regulations, prerequisites for death by violence, gunshot, murder, etc.

Your "man" leaving for Alaska escapes identification in my mind.

Hal should be about ready to begin his return. I'll send a copy of this in advance so he'll know of missing N. papers.

To answer your question about Vince, everyone else is impressed by him. I have had suspicions from the first, hence my initial interest in getting a picture of him. He is also too successful, too cool, too willing to go without adequate income, too tolerant, particularly of my suspicion, and many other things. None of these is certain, but I am suspicious.

The documents were not ready Wednesday. Simmons promises them for this coming Wednesday, when I'll again be there.

Hurriedly,

