

9/20/69

Dear Gary,

Because it seemed to me to be a good idea to take a respite from ~~the~~ concentration, I didn't get to the notes I'm going to make for COUP, but instead have been working outside (where there is work needing doing anyway), getting the fresh air and exercise, and going over those files I haven't yet consolidated. Except for the N.O. files and my original ones, the really extensive notes of my first perusal of the WC materials, I'm getting vlose to the end of that.

In the course of this, I found the missing correspondence with the man I once mentioned to you, the black interested in the Bolden case. The last letter, to which he did not respond, was dated January 1967.

Here is the letter I wrote him this a.m.

He went to Washington, was arrested by a Secret Service Agent named Douglas outside the White House, and was in the looney bin for a short period. His wife went down and he got out.

He never once gave me a single fact on which to go, and to this day, although he was in touch with the Boldens, never said a single thing either of them may have told him. The nature of his relationship I can only guess, but that it was not entirely distant I deduce from his knowing their unlisted phone number. It is 312/488-4822, or was, as of 1/67.

I give this to you in the event you find yourself in Chicago and want to call her, to see if she will at least tell you why they prefer silence. It is, of course, possible they made a deal and he is out. The man I asked to get in touch with her is no longer in Chicago. There are others, but because they are newmen, I think she'd shy off.

Without encouragement, I'll make no further effort for the present. If I get anything from Wagnet, I'll let you know. He is a former radio operator who is retired for illness. Because he had 30 years of experience before that, I presume he is getting along in years. His illness may be mental.

Sincerely,

Harold