

Dear Bob,

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Originally I thought I'd xerox copies of George Lardner's story on Garrison and the Oliver Stone movie for those I think would like copies but with our machine this will be difficult, costly and hard to read and handle. Instead I'll be getting copies of the paper and clipping the story. It may be a day or two before I can get all I need. But one will be enclosed.

I've skimmed the story once. Later I'll read it with care. I spotted only one minor error in it. I was not holed up in the office when I went over Boxley's work and prepared the memo or memos.

First I should make it clear that I had nothing to do with what Lardner used and did not use. I did help him as much as I could but I didn't even ask him what he would use and what he wouldn't. However, I believe he did consider some of the things I said when we had discussions. Like when I explained to him why you did not want to say anything and pointed out the position members of the staff like you and Alcock were in.

No member of the staff is mentioned in the story and it does point out that unnamed members of the staff did get me to go to work on Boxley and what he was up to.

I don't know whether the Post put this story on its news-service wire for other papers to use or not. And it is too early in the morning for me to have gotten any reaction, if I get any.

I presume that the N.O. papers will not ignore this and that they may add to it or get comment on it. As I indicated earlier, I'll appreciate copies of anything you see for the historical record.

At least the Dallas Morning News is carrying stories today. A reporter phoned me yesterday. He is writing one of the stories. He told me that they were carrying and I presume did an oped page article on, in his words, what Jim did to Shaw.

I asked him to send me a copy. I hope he does. His interest was more on some of the nutty theories. He asked me nothing at all about Jim or the staff.

He thought Stone was to start shooting in New Orleans this coming week.

I presume Jim won't be entirely silent. I'll be interested, of course, in what he says. If anything. Ditto for Stone.

In rereading the story I was reminded that there are Best wishes, those who can think they have a score to settle with Jim. Like the CIA. He was making the kinds of charges against it that whether or not true required it to keep track of what he said. I remember at least one memo comparing what he said in Playboy to what he said to Der Spiegel. If they start putting that kind of stuff out and it gets attention he and Stone will, at least should be, embarrassed. Another on Jules Kimble, who claimed to have been CIA. Wasn't. Had gone to their Domestic Contact Office in N.O. after he spoke to Jim but no other connection. If anyone had lied to the CIA director it would have been his ass so I believe those memos.

Hal