

Dear Jim,

3/28/77

Before I got home this evening J.B. Stoner had called. He said he'd call back and he did after supper. The phone has stayed pretty busy so I've not yet had time to unpack my bag. I think I'll now let it wait for the morning.

I spoke to Stoner frankly about the Ray insanities. He expressed ideas in accord with mine and then asked me not to tell others. I said I would not but that I thought you should know some. He agreed, understanding that you would not be quoting him.

He thinks it is past time for Jerry to be using his head as something other than a hatrack and he finds no sense at all in what Jimmy has been doing. I told him that Kershaw engineered and it says Kershaw is a Bircher, in a sense indicating he does not have a high regard for Birchers.

He appeared shocked when he heard that Jerry had been silent when he was on the program with Lane and was silent at all the Lane badmouthing of you. I suggest this may have figured in what Lane pulled. I'm inclined to believe Stoner was genuine in this. Jerry has quoted him several times as saying we had done well by Jimmy, even Bud.

Jerry P. had phoned earlier and said that Anson has some letters Jerry had written, one of more on NSRB letterhead and one taken as a threat and vile. I felt that under the circumstances I had to tell Stoner of the use of the letterhead. He did not like it. First according to P. Jerry started to lie. JB laughed at this. Then he tried to pretend someone had signed his name to it. Stoner would like a dub of the tape and I'm sure he'd pay the cost. P has almost all of it for you. He missed just a little of the beginning. He also fell asleep but he says the tape has it all.

Stoner seemed most interested in the prospect of the committee, the New Times piece and some of the FBI records on him. The latter includes Hoover's directive that he be tapped wherever he might be and authorization for ~~fixes~~ fisur. He thinks it is something electronic. I've seen it before, in a sense indicating an abbreviation for something like physical surveillance. Stoner got 1400 pages and says that is not all.

He had a call from one using the name Jeff Gottlieb of the LA Freep. He wondered if this could be a Jeff Cohen associate. I did not know and told him but I also said it is probable the New Times story caused the call and that it also is probable all the nuts collaborate.

On the committee I told him that between the fabrications of sensation, the trick with Trafficante and Jimmy's not inconsiderable help the committee might be continued.

If he thinks someone is trying to involve him I believe this is by no means paranoid.

I told him Lane is Jerry's new lawyer.

Best,