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Mr. George W. Healy, Jr.
Managing Editor, The Times-Picayune
3800 Howard Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Healy:

When last I wrote, I suggested I might be able to put you on to a local story that would be important but might require a fair amount of effort. There is now the possibility of a New Orleans story that would require little work. It is for this purpose that I write, for you have facilities I do not have.

I will not see your yesterday's papers until probably Tuesday, so I will not know what you have carried, if anything, on the Cuban Power-Miami arrest story. I now have only the enclosed, from yesterday's Washington Post. At least one of these names can well be that of a man who once engaged in mysterious activities in New Orleans and then (to me) mysteriously disappeared. If this is the case, there are responsible professional people in New Orleans who I know can make the identifications

What I would suggest is that you get what wire-service data is available, including pictures of all named. Were I to write the federal attorney, he would not respond. If you ask him for what he has, including the indictment, you will get it. For my own files and interests, I would appreciate copies of all of this. I will have with me the data I have on this one man and I will show the pictures for you, if you so desire, to those who can make identification.

If the man charged is the man who had this strange career in New Orleans, I think you will have an important and provocative story. I will give it to you, exclusively unless, prior to then, others in the press who regularly consult me, ask for help. In this event, I'll let you know immediately. However, the only interests I might anticipate would not be competitive. If any eventuate, I'll try and see to it that you get a local "break".

These are only some of the violence prone people on "the other side". I have a book done on another group also active in your area.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg