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Dear David,

Generalities: I am usually willing to take time where there is a possibility of being helpful. If another can be guided around error I regard it as constructive. I also prefer to avoid as much of this as I can because candor finds no home and more because of the magnitude of the task I have undertaken. (If I did no more research and live to 80 I could stay productively busy with what I have in hand.)

Of course I'll discuss this with you, but I'd prefer evenings and after the evening TV news, to which we sup and if there is no Watergate airing. I'm following it and have a book almost drafted.

While I presume interest in my phone I use it with little inhibition because all that others can learn is what I may know. They'll not know what one of them doesn't. Sometimes I'm elliptical but there is virtually no occasion where from my apprehension I don't use it. Intellectual castration to be intimidated.

The Alpine name is on on which I have no file. I can't remember as I used to, perhaps from age but more likely because nobody can store all I'm trying to. I may have heard of it. There is a current indictment for a gun-running operation with New Jersey ends.

If this is for current urban operations, I'm skeptical. I am also re Dallas. They are not able to keep quiet that long and they have a history of not being able to carry off sophisticated jobs. Exceptions, of course, but those cats were farout.

I'll keep anything confidential that you want this way. But if it is ever something you send, please be sure to mark it.

From a distance I regret there is nothing I know of that you can do. I appreciate the offer. Where I need help is on this mountainside. Anything from mowing and brambling to editing.

Unless you have good foundation connections.

Or angels willing to pay for printing books.

But many thanks.

Best,

23 July 1974

Dear Mr. Weisberg,

I write to ask you a brief favor. Have you ever heard of the following organization:

ALPINE GEOPHYSICAL ASSOCIATES

It is located somewhere in New Jersey, and was given to me as a CIA front for equipment used in the Cuban situations. There MAY also have been some operational things happen there related to events in Dallas. I do not KNOW if either of these notions are fact--that is what I am now trying to learn. First, I want to learn if they are CIA.

Have you ~~HEARD~~ ever heard of that outfit?

I would appreciate it if you would keep this close to your vest for the present--much as you asked me to not divulge your opinions and evaluations of certain persons I asked about in an earlier letter. Thanks for the help and for keeping this quiet as to who is asking, etc.

Finally, may I call you? And, if so, are we "free" to discuss things on your line? Please advise.

I guess that is all from here for now. And, as I keep asking--is there anything I might do for you?

Cordially,

  
JDTruby