

11/6/89

Dear Russ,

In a short while - have to go into town to pick Lil up. By answering your 11/5 and 5 in haste I can save a day by mailing it then.

Here are the following: 3~~4~~ pp of JH's police notes; arrest report; the FBI reports on Carley-Hester-Larkin; Archives letter showing pages still withheld on Vallee (my friend requires anonymity, hence his name is removed); Several states you sent (these copies are more legible than your originals); and a sheet of clippings handed me once when I entered Chicago CBS offices to make a broadcast, a letter having been left for me there.

I cannot find the probation report. It may be in my file of correspondence with you. If it is and I can find it and include it, I will. If not, and I do find it, I'll copy and mail it tomorrow or tonight, if we go into town again.

I have yet to find an FBI report on anyone to the left of Robert Welch restricted by the FBI. A rather large percentage of those where we have knowledge (and in every case where we have gotten the suppressed data) is withheld to eliminate the risk of official embarrassment or protect extremists of the right. If your friend thinks he can get the withheld reports, in time I think I can get enough identification.

I'll keep your limitations on what you can carry in mind. But my back is on the verge of slipping out again, so I've done no straightening up in the cellar.

Lil finished reading the retyped (offset) addition to COUP this a.m. As soon as I finish an analysis I've begun, of some of the new medical evidence, I'll start pasting that up, so that if and when the possibility of xeroxing becomes a reality, it will be ready. I do not know how extensive the corrections are (and I'll be pasting the originals of documents in the text, which does require some care and time), but I doubt I'll be able to get to it before the first of the week, when I'll keep pushing on it until it is done. Who knows, there may be a chance to get it xeroxed.

Glad Rita is coming along well. That would make an incident for a novel!

Bolden seems to be out. A genuine, certified nut had been in touch with me (like Z.M.M.) and with him. I've decided against trying to write him and can't afford to phone. I suspect there has been some kind of deal, and he's had troubles enough. Perhaps sometime in the future I'll be in Chicago again and can try and see him.

Best,

November 5, 1969

Dear Harold,

We got your long letter yesterday, and if I'd realized that there wasn't going to be anything for me to do at work today I would've brought it with me to answer it.

I will approach Craig with those things that you suggested -- I expect it'll be a week or two before I get to talk to him.

Movement Speakers Bureau -- ~~was~~ that thing is run by Abbie Hoffman, and the address is 333 East 5th Street, New York, N.Y.. Curiously enough, I used to live in that building, and organized and led a rent fight that brought the rent in that building down from \$75 a month to \$24.10 a month. So much for ~~historical~~ historical perspectives. (pun intended)

Lita ~~is~~ is feeling much better now, and was grateful for your thoughts and proverbs -- although the thoughts were a little easier to take than the proverbs. This job at IBM doesn't pay me a lot, but it'll keep up going until I can get lined up. Also now that I've found out how to get IBM to pay for my mailing costs I'll be able to do some mailing.

I've sent another plea to the American Friends Service Committee, but I really only did it to get it on record that I gave them one last chance to ~~do~~ do something.

I will talk to some people I know here about the possibility of getting you on some programs here that would at least pay your expenses to come here. I don't know what the prospects are, but it's probably worth a try.

Worked at UPI this morning on election results. They asked me to come in for the day. Seems that the opening they might have depends on some guy passing his Army physical who's terribly overweight. Meantime, though, I stopped by the AP office, ~~and~~ and they said I did very well on the part of the test they looked at that I took (the writing part) so there might be something there. Yesterday I was interviewed by the bureau chief for Business Week Magazine here -- they have an opening which they'll be filling in about a month. He seemed to like me. So things are picking up. Now we're looking for a better apartment.

Reason we didn't answer you on the couch was because we would have no way to get it here. We have absolutely nothing except clothes, books and papers with us (and even many of them are still behind). We can use anything and everything we can get -- but we also have to bear in ~~the~~ mind that ~~if~~ when we come to see you we'll be lucky if we have a large car, so we'll be very limited in what we can take.

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I guess that's all for now. While you're cleaning up the basement just about anything that looks like it has a practical use could be of practical use to us.

Try to get some ~~mx~~ or all of that Vallee material to me soon, because I think this Sergeant is a real possibility, and if we could get both him and Craig -- he knows Craig from when Craig was Safety Director -- it could give us some interesting pieces of information.x

Lita sends her love -- say "Hi" to Lil for us.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Russ".

November 4, 1969

Dear Harold,

Just a quick note with a quick request. I've have made the friendly acquaintance here, of all people, with a ~~xxx~~ sergeant on the Pittsburgh narcotics detail. He's a rather strange person -- not popular with ~~w~~ the police officers because of his associations~~x~~ with people outside the force, and not trusted by his associates because of being a cop. Well, anyhow, he's a fairly honest guy who's honesty ~~xxx~~ I've tested and seen ~~x~~ tested over the past month during which we've been working together (imagine that) in developing an education program on the narcotics problem in Pittsburgh. Anyhow, I mentioned the Vallee case to him last night, without mentioning any names. I asked him if when the FBI put a freeze on information about license numbers it was ever taken off. He said that usually when they put a freeze on information about a car the car belongs to either the federal government or to an undercover agent of said government. When I told him that the man in the car was planning to make a hit on the president he about fell on the floor. I think that he can be counted on to give us some help. He does owe me a favor or two, perhaps, and has said that he'd be glad to help with anything he could. He said he'd very much like to know the details on the case, and he might be able to dig ~~xx~~ up more information for us.

The problem is this: all my files are in New York. A friend (I mentioned to you in the last letter) went ~~xx~~ to New York this weekend and was supposed to pick them up for us -- along with typewriter, etc., but the SOB didn't do it. So can you send me copies of all the material on Vallee? That material includes: the Chicago Police Dept. 3 or 4 page report; the original arrest report; the FBI reports on interviews with Corley and the NBC Engineer whose father checked on the license number; my reports on Corley; my report on the probation officer's report that we couldn't get a copy of; and the records of the case that were on a long sheet of paper. If it is inconvenient or too costly to make copies of these on your copier, could you send me your copies and I would get them back to you within two weeks?

That's all for now, because I'd like to get this in the mail so that I'll hear back from you and we ~~g~~ can get to work on this soon.

