

Return to HCC in Knoxville

11/13/69

Dear Harold,

I just had an interesting, but as usual unprofitable meeting with my friend the Police Sergeant. I had ~~mf~~ forgotten to bring the envelope fragments with me, but I'll be seeing him again on Monday and he'll take a look at them then.

Although he reinforced what we have thought about the situation of Vallee and the license number, he said that neither he nor anyone else could be of any help with it. He says that once they put a freeze on information about a license number there is no way in the world that that freeze will be taken off. The only information you can get about it is when a new owner gets it you can find out who the new owner of that number is.

But he reinforced that the license number and all the other information had to be grabbed by someone with a lot of pull. He put it this way. He's a Sergeant, been a policeman a long time. But if I were to borrow his car and hold up a bank or kill someone, there would be no way in the world that he could stop information about that license number from being given out. He knows of no one with enough power on the Pittsburgh Police force to do that. It had to come from the federal level. Further, he restated that normally this is done in the case of government agents ~~mf~~ who need to be protected.

Here's an angle that I hadn't considered, though, and I don't know if you had: ~~xxxxxxxx~~ ~~mk~~ somewhere along the way I got the impression that the car was registered to the guy that Vallee listed as one of his references -- I can't remember his name now, but he lived on Long Island. If you can get his name it might be worthwhile to check and see if he's mentioned anywhere in the Commission material or see if there are any other ways to check him out.

Harvey (That's the policeman) did suggest something, though. He said that a simple way to find out where Vallee is now would be to write to the lithographer's union. He said that if we wrote to them saying that we had worked with ~~xxxx~~ him at one of the jobs he listed, and we wanted to talk to him about a job, they would send back the information on how to contact him. Now this might be good for you to do on the Coq D'Or Press stationary, because then it would look more bona fide. As you recall, his last address was in Ohio, not far from here. So if you can check that out he might be near enough to here that it'd be possible to go further in finding things out about his current activities.

Another angle: If you look at the three pages together on the first and last pages where they list the charges of drunk driving, (DWI) on page one there is no CB number and on the last page there's no listing of disposition. This means that he hadn't come to trial yet on that charge. Do you know anyone around Tennessee? Two aspects in Knoxville to check would be: 1) when they arrest an out-of-state person for drunk driving do they confiscate his license? 2) what was the disposition of the case and when?

He also said he thinks that the chances of us finding this guy alive are pretty slim, because if they were able to go through all the complications necessary to hide all these records then they know what he's doing now, and they obviously know what we're doing, and Harvey felt that if we were right about Vallee's role in all this when we got too close to nailing him he would have to be the victim of something or other.

Something just hit me that I hadn't noticed before -- you sent a copy of the Chicago American story on Vallee. The last paragraph said that in July 62 he was arrested for assault with a pistol. That doesn't appear on his arrest record.

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On the Arrest Report: Harvey doesn't see anything strange in M-1 being listed under AKA -- he says that probably the rifle didn't fit the definition of a concealed weapon, the knife did, but they had to list somewhere on the form that he also had a rifle. What Harvey did say was strange was the fact that the whole bottom part -- where they say that it was a Task Force Area 1 on view arrest, is supposed to be filled out with a detailed narrative of the arrest, how it was made, why, and what happened when the person was arrested. It was strange that it wasn't filled out.

So we don't know much more now than what we knew before. If you think you'd do any more things I suggested here, let us know how they are out.

I've moved from where we were, and I now have a three room apartment in a very nice building -- it's a big old house that's been converted -- and it has a backyard and everything. Of course, we don't have any furniture, but a few people have said they'll give us a couple of chairs, tables, so I think we'll get along. Our new address is:

811 Thomas Boulevard, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Do you need any more information about this case?

Nothing else you can do. Things are going much better now and seems now that "Bill Miller" was "Bill".

*Harvey*