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Dear Russ,

More weary than usual today, perhaps by the blood that might not have flowed had I been able to make the record on which I work, perhaps by the stupid omniscience of the brothers of the victims, who could have made it possible. As you know, I saw all this clearly long ago.

But I'm brightened by your good news. Congratulations!

The reporter who asked me about breaching the CIA story has been busy on other things and I'm just as glad because I think using it out of context or with no special context means nothing and it is better to let it wait for a time when it can have significance. For this reason I haven't used it in any of my writings, nor have I given it to anyone.

News accounts name two Groths, the other Daniel. Here again, the reaction has been so great I think it better to let it wait for the time when it can have meaning. For example, possibly in court, where, with luck, this can go. There are, I think, clear possibilities of civil suits, for having the FBI investigate what happened for the justice department is like getting pimps to clean up brothels. The Illinois officials responsible are not about to incriminate themselves. But there is a remedy in civil damage suits that will, I hope soon, suggest themselves. When I see those who may interest themselves, I'll discuss it. Standing by itself it is at best tenuous, for a policeman takes cases as they come in. It requires a real context to have meaning and that, now, is lacking. However, I hope you will keep alert to it. I may also be using the Valle case in my suit vs the govt. It would be more interesting there than reaching the already-persuaded in an underground paper of limited circulation among those of little influence. However, if you feel you should do it, go ahead. My thinking has changed much on several things during the past year. I think we should stay out of the press save where there is meaning and impact. Then when we say something we are fresh, more welcome, and more likely to be listened to. Checking out the Knoxville end is a good idea.

Coup II is xeroxed but I've no copies to spare. If and when you get in a position to make yourself a copy, let me know and I'll see if I can spare one. I have a friend in Calif who will be making some on a 7000, where the cost will be about \$5.00 each. Maybe by the time he starts I'll have a little breed.

Now I certainly wish the lecture thing had gone, for would I now like to be speaking to student audiences, especially blacks.

Tell Lita I have the other two stainless pieces for her. I recall one is a slotted spoon.

Hope you both have a good holiday.

Sincerely,

December 8, 1969

Dear Harold,

Well, things keep getting better for us now -- hope it lasts. I start Next Monday (the day after my birthday) on my new job as public relations representative for Maynard Research Council -- the place I told you about. I checked out okay with the psychiatrist and very well on the mental tests, so ~~xxxx~~ they're starting me as public relations man and will eventually move me ~~xxxx~~ into the film-making position.

I had a meeting yesterday with a professor (Doctor of Psychology) from Pitt who's interested in the idea of The Research Group and is going to apply to Pitt for some money for the project. It wouldn't be much money, but what's most important is that if they did give us some money we would be able to locate in his department at the University and would have semi-official status there. I discussed briefly some of your work with him, and he was also interested in that.

I've put in a couple of calls to Dave Craig, but he's been out.

When ~~xxxx~~ Lita and I were there you asked me about someone you knew breaking a story about Radio TV Reports relations with CIA. Especially now that I've gotten the job at Maynard it's all right to go ahead with that story. The only stipulations that I'd like to put on it is I'd like to have either a copy or an outline of the story a day or two before it is printed (if possible) and I'd like to have a copy of the printed story. If you're going to do it, I will break another story about it in an underground ~~xxxxxx~~ newspaper that I have contact with the week after it is printed there. Let me know if this is all right. Have you dug out the early letters I sent you about that, including a transcript of a phone conversation with the Washington office manager about it? If you don't have them I have copies I could send you.

One of the policemen involved in the recent "shoot-out" with the Panthers in Chicago (which apparently was nothing more than a murder) was one of the officers who arrested Vallee -- Thomas Groth. In line with this, I would like to do a story for that same underground newspaper -- and it might then get picked up by others -- on Groth and Vallee, which would give all the facts that I know about Vallee. Would this in any way conflict with anything you have in mind? If I were to do it I would give you heavy credit in the article.

This professor I met with (his ~~xx~~ name is Dr. Jim Holland) has friends in Knoxville, Tennessee who will check the disposition of the Vallee drunk driving case for us. I asked them to get the disposition of the case, the car he was ~~xxxxxx~~ driving, and where his license was from, if possible. Should hear something on that soon.

I'm going to close for now so I can get this in the mail and hopefully will get a reply by the end of the week. I'll try to send you the details that I'm putting together on the so-called shoot-out, it's amazing.


Russ