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Dear Russ,

Glad to get your 2/1, which didn't arrive until today-but you didn't mail it until the 3rd, according to the postmark. I not these things because one of my recent letters to a regular correspondent reached him not only opened, but cut open, which is one of the more obvious means. I answer in haste, and will read the enclosures when I've time. I've been more nervous than usual recently, probably because there has been little medical interest in and no real examination/tasting of my blacking out (not fainting) ten days ago.

Don't bother copying material on the Klan cell when you've so little time. I have the six names, and none of them are involved. It is of interest as part of the story on the police (and if you know anyone who ever wants to write that, I was part of the 1937 Senate investigation and have the hearings and report on it).

Vallee/Madden-amplified by what I sent you but not until after you had written this, the suppressed FBI report. The Madden quote is, I believe, in COUP.

Xeroxing COUP: You have the first part. I'll send the second, but please return as soon as you can, insuring, because damage is customary. Please wrap well. I have written a Chapter 18 (Agnew/Panther/Mitchell/FBI/Groth) but haven't been able to xerox. When I do, I'll lend. I'll probably have the appendix done then, too. It is complete, save for a few minor typos to be corrected.

You mention Penn. Stay away from him. He's absolutely off his rocker. Everybody but him and Boxley are agents. He is so far gone he has dough and not only will not pay me \$150 he has owed me for years but will not even answer letters.

The CIA-agents book is fun but undependable, and there is but a single Rose in it, not Charles but Alvin Emanuel, listed as Publisher, Chicago Times. I have no way of evaluating the Hampton-Davis story, but in my thinking the elimination of leadership, real or potential, and the creation of more bitterness and violence, the suppression of which requires more authoritarianism, is sufficient. The common attorney, assuming he is a decent man, would more likely explain Fred's learning about Rennie than the opposite.

It would be nice if some of those on your letterhead could get together with each other. Like me and Meacham. I left a message for him at the mobe hq in late November or early December and silence.

Glance at list of dead leads to this suggestion if you ever redo: replace death with murder. And there are Frisco cases not here, blacks.

Had lit mailing from Flo saying she was sorry she had not been able to help me. I replied saying she hadn't listened, things had changed. What she hadn't helped me do was help her. She's great, but she has her own notions, as who doesn't? When you get the full sweep of the work and what would go with it you'll better understand how, if such a distinction can be made with fascism, mine is the more apt.

Our best to you both,

February 1, 1970

Dear Harold,

As the smoke begins to clear a little here in Pittsburgh I'll try to reply to questions I haven't addressed myself to in the letters you sent during the month of January.

1. Radio TV Reports only keeps programs on file for a year, so nothing from 1968 would be available; and the people I've written to there haven't replied so I don't know whether I've been "offed" by them.
2. Lita, myself and three or four members of the RISC group here will be going to Chicago next weekend and I will go to the Chicago library and make copies of the Chi newspaper articles about the Klan cell .
3. The reason for the police following Vallee was given in the Tribune story of January 15, 1964. It says "Outside the courtroom Detective James Madden told ~~the~~ reporters that the secret service had asked Chicago police to keep an eye on Vallee prior to the scheduled visit to Chicago on Nov. 2 of the late President John F. Kennedy."
4. I've gotten out the copy of the Chicago American story that you sent me and said you apparently didn't have a copy of . I'll take it to work tomorrow and Xerox it and send it back to you. I may include it in this letter.
5. I'll send your tapes back to you by the end of the week. I've copied one, but still have to copy the other.
6. In our group is a professor from Carnegie-Mellon University who has access to a Xerox machine at the University that's not monitored at all, and of course is used by many professors and students to Xerox manuscripts. If ~~you~~ you get the ~~reduced~~ reduced copy (2 pages on a page) I'm pretty certain that he'll be able to make at least two or three copies of it for us.
7. 5700 South Cottage Grove avenue is the 20th District police station.

I've sent you some copies of the literature we've printed up here. The one that lists the people who've died or been killed is very effective. If you have time you might look through it and send me the names of ~~the~~ any others that you can think of. I've never seen Penn Jones' book otherwise I would've added some from his book.

I heard a story the other day that's so incredible it makes sense. I was talking to a reliable friend in Chicago, who cited two unimpeachable sources as the source of this story; we'll try to check it out when we're in Chicago next week. The story is ~~X~~ : The reason that Fred Hampton was murdered is that Hampton had discovered and had proof positive of the fact that Rennie Davis is a police agent. Interesting facts around this: Rennie and Fred had the

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same attorney, which would supposedly explain how Rennie found out that Fred found out; Rennie has a press agent, full time, whose name is Charles Rose -- in the book "Who's Who in the CIA" (which we don't have) supposedly Charles Rose, press agent, is listed as a CIA agent.

RISC is shaking Pittsburgh up a bit. It was mostly our people who threw the marshmallows at ~~Strom Thurmond~~ (I've got a mental block against his name) Strom Thurmond last week. Over the weekend we were informed that a local GI who's being sent to Viet Nam is going to have his GI insurance made out with RISC as the beneficiary. Lotta crazy things. We hope to be getting a storefront in which we'll set up a semi-bookstore, semi-office in the next month or two. We also expect to have a printing press.

That's about all for now I suppose. I think I'm caught up enough that it won't take me a month to write back to you after this.

Lita sends her love.


Russ