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Dear both,

Bursitis, the amount of typing I've already done today and what I yet must dictate a brief response to your 1/9. Skolnick: I heard a very subdued version, with no mention of the ACLU as agent, on WBBM. But that Almy stuff could be important and I think it likely that it did include him and other nuts like him because he also has good purposes (being unable to distinguish and separate). However, it is urgent that he not learn of his own incompetence, obvious as it is, and that nothing new ever reach him, however, indirectly. You'll understand when you are here and see it. I now have no interest in responding on WIS, of which I think I never heard. Maybe if I go to Chicago when FRAME-UP is out, it will be different. Or do shows by phone. By the way, on what stations is this now possible, where are there still talk or news-interview shows?...For Bert, the publisher is Custerbridge & Dinestfrey, the distributor Dutton. O & D 200 W 72, 10023. Please ask Bert to send me a copy of the complete

list if and when he can get it even if it is published, for it is not likely it will be published in full here, and some may be important. I'd also like to get the Mpls. one, where I may be, as I am in Chicago, but my greater immediate Chicago interest is King, what has become public telling me that it included him...MM material: I give what I get to a certain unit if a certain police department, which makes copies for me and for them and returns. If you bring, I can get this done. If you know Rossen in Chicago, they have currently great interest in him, in a sense that can mark him for special attention, according to the fears of my source, who is more than just a member. ...On the book, the paper interested in your Malcolm X work and their bookstore also might be interested...We are pretty fair. Lil is working for the tax season. Look forward to your getting here. If you get to Chicago again soon, because you have read part of the draft of what is to appear, maybe I'd like to ask you to speak to Kup's producer, Conway's and others who might occur to you. I think Kup's is Herman Fels, and the little thing he did when I asked you to speak to him turns out to be quite important in the book and subsequent history, although it had to be cut out. It could make the station a great show. I may try and call him.

Best

1-9-71

Dear Harold,

Sorry neither of us had a chance to send you a card over the holidays, but we drove up to Chicago for 5 days and were very busy with making arrangements to go there & then ~~re~~ recuperating when we returned.

Curious that you should mention V and Skolnik. While we were in Chi the clock radio went on Sunday morning on WLS and who's on Pinpoint, but Skolnik. He was pretty far out. As you may know he filed a suit on this army spying business charging that he was one of the spied upon because he was once interviewed by the news front they were using. Well, the gist of what he was saying was that he felt that O'Brien was still in the employ of the CIA and breaking the story was just a CIA cover, and he cited as proof the fact that O'Brien was being represented and hidden by that well-known CIA front, the ~~the~~ ACLU! About three-fourths of the way through the show he brought up V, again stating that he and students of his had dug up this information, and went into the same old routine, except that this time when he talked about Bolden he neglected to mention that Bolden is out of prison. The moderator, who sounded as though he'd had it with Skolnik, ~~and~~ ended the show by saying, "Well, you've promised in the past to send me documentation of that story, and I'm still waiting for it." Unfortunately, Radio TV Rpts. doesn't tape that show.

The Chicago office I don't think had any orders on that army spying business. I will be back up there ~~in~~ in another month or so and could find out for you. My relations with that office aren't as good as they were, because the young lady who's in charge, who used to work for me there, has, like so many people, become very reactionary. My other friend, who worked in the New York office, finally got smart & went back to California. So the amount of info. I get out of RTVR may be limited.

While we were there there didn't seem to be anything being said about that case that wasn't being picked up in the East. One developem, though, that my friend Bert told me of is that all the newsmen in Chicago are scrambling to be the first to come out with a complete list of who was spied on. Apparently it will be possible to ~~to~~ get that and some of them are very close to it.

I hope to get down to visit and talk with you in the next month or so as I'm getting MM material left and right through a contact I've developed. Some of it is very old, going back to '64 and '65. I only have one copy of everything and at this time have no means of copying it, so the best I could do would be to bring it down and let you look at it in person.

My friend Bert was asking who the publisher on your book is and where & when it'll be available. I think he might buy a few for the college bookstore.

That's all for now. Say hello to Lil.

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