

Dear Russ,

Sorry to hear openings are few. Guess that is one of Nixon's successes, those great works to which he longs to return, according to his flacks.

What you say of Nixon's record is correct, and understated. There is one thing in it I'd forgotten, that he had also often enough voted with Marcanonio. Do you recall your source on this? The court decision in the 1962 case was more severe than you indicate. Nixon was held personally responsible.

I've just returned from a tiring trip to New York- too much for one long day. More than a month ago I had proposed a Watergate book to a friend. He spoke to a German publisher who is interested. I went to meet with his reps. One is going to Germany soon and I'll know when he gets back. Also, there is a possibility with my Italian publisher. Heard from his widow today. So, I'm having to rush to clean things up so I can write, and the worst job is the enormity of the material I have collected and filed by date only. There was then no other way. From the time I made the pitch it is different. I'm talking about going over half a file drawer of stuff. If there is a deal, I'll have to have the ms finished by the end of next month.

I remember something about a couple of later MM letters. Before I mail this I'll go through the file and see if I have the one you are talking about. Probably in the morning, when I expect to have time for a few things but not much because someone is coming.

I loaned the one on the Greenwich Village deal to a friend with whom I'm doing a book, jointly. Called The Informers. We think we have solved that one, by the way. That is, we think we have figured out the identity of that guy. Sit tight: he's an FBI informant and they are already in trouble over him. Because of this I had given it to him to do a piece for a magazine, in the hope of attracting some attention to the book. I'll be seeing him soon and will get a copy. By the way, one of those guys on the Illinois list I gave you was recently fired by an Ivy league college. He'd been a popular prof. I can make a copy if you don't mind pieces. I have no legal-sized paper.

You are getting close on Hoover's alleged opposition to domestic intelligence. He was then deeper in it than ever. It was more than his taking offense. He didn't want his thing blown by a bunch of amateurs. I'll be dealing with this in the book.

Odd things about that Weather house deal if I never told you. Couple of years ago a New York writer was here to interview me about Frame-Up. He wanted to write a piece on this MMstuff for Esquire, so I loaned him by extra copy. I also suggested that Boudin might be interested. He never returned it but he sent me the message that Esquire ~~would~~ wasn't interested and neither was Boudin. B wouldn't even talk.

Frank Donner has a piece in the current Harpers on the major VVAV FBI informant. On CBS TV evening news tonight there was a long bit with pix of a couple, one of whom said there were about 30 such informants, in VVAV alone. These two were Cubans. The other, Pablo Fernandez, was one of the Barker group in the attack on Ellsberg at the time of the Capitol memorial to Hoover.

Decided I'd better look for what you want before I forget. It wasn't in my MM file. There is more than you said. Because it would be too much to copy this in pieces, I'm sending it all back. If you can make a copy for me, fine. If not, o.k. too. I finally remembered where I'd laid it for when I went to where there was a machine with long paper.

Best,

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Dear Harold

I've been quite busy since we visited, so I haven't had time to sit down and write to you about some of the things we were discussing. I've been looking about for another job, as you know, and things seem pretty lean at this time, there are very few openings, so it's possible my plans might be set back a month or two.

I looked up a couple of the things we were talking about -- the grandson of the founder of Gulf Oil who was friendly with Timothy Leary was William Mellon Hitchcock.

We'd been talking about the Nixon past indiscretions as discussed in that article I read: 1946 Nixon charged that his opponent Jerry Voorhis, a 5 term congressman was supported by radicals, and that he was more socialist and communist than Democratic. 1950 Nixon issued a pink sheet charging that his opponent Mrs. Helen Gahagan Douglas had voted the same way Vito Marcantonio "well known socialist" had voted, this despite the fact that Nixon himself had voted the same way often -- he won her Senate seat. 1962 the court held in Nixon's campaign against Pat Brown that he personally approved a propaganda effort in which the republicans sent a purported democratic mailing to democrats H. R. Haldemann was the campaign manager.

I've looked thru my files and find that I believe there is the second page of a letter from Mrs. DeP missing -- I don't think it had a date on it, but I believe it would be one in which she was talking about infiltrating "leftist" groups. I know that at one time I sent that to you and I can't find it anywhere here, so I guess you still have it. While you're in your MM file, can you send me a copy of the On Target piece about the bombing of the Weather house in Greenwich Village. I would very much like to have a copy of that for a piece I hope to develop -- if you can't make a copy maybe you could send me the On Target and I'll copy it and send it back to you. X

There was an interesting aspect that struck me about some of the Watergate revelations in the past week -- particularly those relating to J Edgar Hog's opposition to the bugging and infiltration plans. Aside from the obvious fact that it was an affront to his vanity, it seems to me incredible for anyone to assume that he didn't have agents. In fact, testimony in various trials and admissions from many of them indicate that he had not only informants but agent provocateurs in all areas of the Movement at that time, and it seemed to me that he might have been afraid of Nixon's sleuths compromising his own people.

