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Jim:
*This man might be
a potential sleuth
in Montreal.
I've answered his letter.*
-TSilly

Dear Mr. Turner:

In reading the report of your exhaustive, thorough investigation into New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison (Ramparts, January, 1968), I note you have named as members of the board of Centre Mondiale Commerciale Clay Shaw and a former U.S. intelligence officer who now is an executive of the Bank of Montreal.

I am intrigued by the connection and am wondering, frankly, whether there may be a story of particular local interest.

CMC, it seems, is a company of dubious character in that it may be a CIA front. Is a senior B of M officer compromising his position his position through such an association? Would we have had occasion to discuss with Shaw — or any of Shaw's confreres — plans which could have lead to the assassination? etc. etc.

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Despite casual research during the past several days, I have been unable to determine the identity of the Bank of Montreal executive in question. The bank, of course, has headquarters here, but maintains branches and agencies in a dozen countries, including the U.S.

Assuming you are aware of the man's name and address, would it be possible for you to reveal this information for my use?

I would be pleased to forward duplicates of my story, should one materialize, or any information which could be of interest in your continuing investigation.

I thank you, sir, for your co-operation and look forward to hearing from you at the earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Dick MacDonald

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P.S. -- When replying, would you mark the envelope "personal and confidential" and address it as follows:

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