

3/23/68

Dear Hal,

Since my return I've been pushed for time. Sciamber has been here for a week and we have been working together. I hasten to reply to your of 3/20, which arrived, opened, today (use reading tape; it is better and holds tighter) because I think you'll be getting to New Orleans too soon. I think it is unwise to assume the trial will start the middle of April. You underestimate the defense. I strongly urge you to wait until the case actually begins. I do not plan to go until the jury is selected. Also, I think there is a good chance you'll have no trouble with accommodations, etc. Steve and I have discussed this, and the Citizens' Committee will help. I'd also planned to offer my accommodations to you. And if this fails, I think I have a place you can stay. So, be patient, else you'll be there at the wrong time and not at the right.

Your leads to be checked seem interesting enough.

When you get a tape recorder, be certain to get one that can be equipped with a foot control, almost essential for transcribing. The cassette type are more compact but the cassettes cost so very much more. An ideal size for economy is the 5" reel, where you can get six hours (at 1 7/8) on a single one. The Concord, which is available here for \$100.00, is one of the better of these. A counter is helpful and saves time. Built-in AC accommodation is desirable, but the battery eliminator can be almost as good. Do not get a machine that takes small batteries. They are always going dead, and at the wrong time.

I recall Broshears as the man we intended to try and get to see. I know the Chapman story and that of the logs. I haven't yet ~~asked~~ asked him because he is doing good work for me. In fact, much of the radical right is helpful. Others in the neighborhood can better check it out. I go by results, and with him, despite his fairly wild speculations, they were very good. His pictures do not lie, and he took many for me. Penn also knows him (and detests him, from what C told me).

The Jacobs affair is hard to accept as another coincidence.

The item on the logs from the Whites seems to be something I got from the author, if recollection is correct, a man in Florida. It is interesting. I'll check and be certain when I can.

Don't know what to make of the Severy item.

I've been getting the Freep. Thought you'd arranged it.

Wife is out of cast but leg still pains and troubles, as I suspect it will for a while.

Please, tell Paul I've received a number of very interesting mailings from him and haven't acknowledged only because I'm finding it difficult to work my way out from under the accumulation while Moomoo is here and I conduct interviews, etc., with him. That he is doing with 544 is particularly good. So is giving me copies so I can try and see that Jim knows, for there is very poor inner-office liaison. It is best to assume that what now gets to Tom gets filed and is there for future use unless it relates to the immediate needs, Jim is that busy. I'm trying to get as much of what should go there but is not urgent, each identified by source (which is important for many reasons, one of which is so Jim will know who is working on what and who is trustworthy or dependable), to hand deliver. I've just given Moomoo 40 pages of memos and there will be more. What you gave me on the States Rights Party (or did Paul), I gave copies of to the LA boys and took copies to N.C. Another from the west coast got copies in LA and delivered it as his work. I am getting additional material on this and Minutemen and will send you copies if you agree it is for your research use (including Paul, etc., but not Turner and others) only. I have already promised it to another writer who has helped us and to a magazine that also has. I'll be making copies as soon as I get time, but I would like this assurance. Further explanations will be available when I'm out there again.

Hurriedly,

March 20, 1968

Dear Hal,

I'm sorry that I could not get to answering your letters earlier than this but this is the first chance I've had in the more than three weeks since I've written you to sit down and go over my notes, clippings and the letters I've received that need to be answered. I've been working 16 hours a day for six days a week and Sunday is the only real free time I have for myself. It'll have to be that way for almost another month until the tax season is over with and then I'll be free to come to New Orleans.

I've already notified my landlord that I'm vacating my place on April 7th at which time I'll probably stay at Tom Sanders for about 9 days and then, hopefully --barring any ~~unforeseen~~ unforeseen circumstances-- I'll leave for New Orleans. At this point I have little finances to stay for more than a month and then I'll somehow have to manage to come up with some sort of income to stay on. It would be a great help if someone could at a reasonable cost put me up there for the time I'll be there but I know of no angels and I'm not counting on any. Perhaps Tom Bethell, whom I'll be writing shortly, can suggest someone.

I've had no time to check on the lead you gave me on Moss Martin, or the Youngblood item you sent. In fact, I have at least four or five other contacts right here in the bay area I would like to interview such as the cab driver who allegedly drove Ruby in San Francisco just two days before the assassination. Another is that Reverend I told you about who belonged to the same religious group that Beckham belonged to. I also have a good lead on De Mohrenschildt and his activities in Haiti that looks promising but have not had the time to look into any of these.

*order* My problem is that I want to interview all of these on a tape recorder which I'll be buying very shortly, providing, of course, that they will be willing to have me tape them. The main difficulty, though, is really my limited time which prevents me from doing this as early as I would like to. I have no spare time during the day and I get home late in the evening and after dinner there's little time left. Perhaps, I'll have to stay on for just a few days after the tax season is over just to iron out these details.

Before I move ~~it~~ I'll be getting a post office box here in San Francisco and have my mail come there so that one of my friends can pick it up during the time I am gone. I'll advise you of the change when I get this post office box. You may, of course, continue to write me at my address at 923A Fulton St., in the meantime. In any event, I'll ~~xxx~~ notify the post office of a change of address so that mail will be forwarded to the new post office box.

Before I forget, I asked Penn Jones when he was here if he knew of that Reverend Broshears (now living in San Jose) and Penn said he didn't know of Broshears personally but he did know of the Universal Life Church in Dallas. Then he said that AL Chapman had been the custodian of this church. Craig who was with Penn at the time also said he knew Chapman as the custodian and said that a Preston Broshears of Dallas may be Broshears brother. Preston is, I believe, a Dallas attorney. Penn may check this out. I asked Penn if he had a photo of Chapman because I wanted to show this to Broshears when I interview him but he said he had none. Is it possible you have one or can obtain one from him? Did you know of Chapman's former work there as custodian? Perhaps Chapman may recall Broshears and, in turn, may tell what he knows of the significance of Beckham's association with this church. I think it would be worthwhile to pursue this line of questioning with him.

If you do ask Chapman these questions you might also ask him

if he knows of any young man who stayed at the Universal Life Church in the basement in 1963. Penn asked me if I knew of this but I said I didn't even know the church existed in Dallas until he suggested that it did at Crawford and 10th Street. I pointed out that he may have been referring to the Abundant Life Temple which is the church mentioned in the police radio logs ~~where~~ where the Tippit killer his out. Penn believes they may be one and the same church and that it could have changed names. He may be right and I hope he'll check this out.

I'm enclosing copies of some articles which should be of interest. Note the ones on the six students who were blocked from going to Cuba, including Jacobs. Was there anything in the press there about this? It was a bit unusual in that this marked the first time students had ~~been~~ been blocked from entering into Cuba after they had State Dep't approval.

I spoke with Jacobs about this incident shortly after he returned to the Bay Area. Jacobs said he was determined to return to Cuba but that he would be unable to return until June. He said he had hurriedly flush down the toilet the copy of the letter you sent him and a list of names that I and my Cuban friend of Berkeley had given him prior to his departure. He said he also lost a suitcase containing his belongings which included a whole set of your books.

I asked Jacobs if he thought this attempt by the Mexicans might possibly have something to do with our efforts to get ~~xxxx~~ him to Cuba with the information we wanted. He doubted that this was the case since he said they had not tried to take anything from him. The fact remains, however, that he was prevented from getting there and it amounted to the same thing. I don't want to get paranoid about this but it certainly does make you ~~wonder~~ wonder.

The other enclosed items are self-explanatory. Note the two-page thing which Bringuier is circulating for the "Directorate". The item on the Radio log comparison is interesting but I've not had time to study it very closely. It was given to me by the Whites who said that a friend of theirs got it from ~~xxx~~ an anonymous friend.

What do you make of the National Insider's fantastic claims about Novel? Aren't they on the borderline of libel doing such ridiculous "exposes" such as this?

I came across the mention of a Donald Savery in the States-Item of Mar. 4, 1968 in a gossip column of Maud O'Bryan ("In and About Town"). Paul Hoch pointed out to me that Savery's name appears in your "O in N.O" Index which he has but I have not seen. The item by O'Bryan says: "Doanld Savery writes: 'Before Mike left he said, 'Pop - Now hear this. I want comics, sport pages and all news about the Garrison trial.' O'Bryan goes on to write: "He says he will distribute mail, clippings," etc. if someone will just write Lt. Thomas H. Savery, 46th Special Forces Co. (Airborne), First Special Forces, APO, San Francisco, Calif. 92961.

The article ends: "Donald Savery adds that ~~xxxxxxx~~ he's particularly proud to have two sons who are ~~xxxxxx~~ officers on active duty, even though their dog tags read "Quaker". One of his Quaker ancestors fought in the American Revolution."

This past weekend I attended the Peace and Freedom Party's founding convention. I met with some of the delegates who were trying to push through the following proposal as a party plank on which its candidates would run. It went as follows:

"Resolved- The Peace and Freedom Party, in support of truth and

reality as opposed to falsehood and fantasy, condemns the fraudulent actions of governmental investigative agencies, which culminated in the Warren Commission Report, for their intentional deception of the peoples of our country and the world regarding ~~that~~ the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

"We demand a completely new investigation with open public hearings and adequate provisions made for the cross-examination of all witnesses. To accomplish this we demand that all evidence gathered in previous investigations, including that concealed in the national archives, be made public immediately.

"Finally, we demand that the evident policy of official non-cooperation and obstruction to all efforts to make the truth known cease."

As to the final approval of this resolution I do not know if it has been approved but will learn more of this by the end of this week.

One final note before closing : Christian told me that Bill Turner filed papers yesterday (March 19) to run for office as a candidate on the issue of the assassination. John will undoubtedly have more to say on this score in his next letter to you.

You should be getting a subscription shortly to the Los Angeles Free Press as I've sent one in for you to be mailed directly to your new address.

As far as the San Diego Liebeler tape which Tom said I should be reminded of, I have no such copy in my files nor do the Whites. Perhaps Burton may know of the existence of such a tape.

I'll ask Asher Harer to ask the Militant office in New York for the talk you gave with Keating when you were here in S.F. If you do call the Militant office I suggest you speak to Les Evans at the office there. He knows me and he would be very helpful in getting it to you more quickly than perhaps Asher can.

I'll close now because I want to get in a few hours of sleep after a long day's work.

Hope that everything is alright with your wife and that the cast has been removed. Give her my best.

Best,

*Hal Verb*  
Hal Verb

to - HAC W.

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something interesting & useful. The three versions of the DPD radio course, much in disagreement. In fact, so much so that it's easy to make comparing one channel of one version with a different channel in another without even realizing. Well, Sawyer A & B save you the trouble of getting on account of about 50% of the other 2 Sawyer A pages being mixed in with Sawyer B pages! And it is done so easily & with so much care that the page hours & minutes, none in particular. But you could spend a hundred comparing the various versions of the logs without discovering this.

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... that one out taxed me so hard I had to open another can of beer.