

11/5/69

Dear Hal,

This envelope to you got shuffled under a stack of other stuff. I thought I'd mailed it about a week ago. Since I wrote you 10/30, other things bearing on this have come to my attention bearing on this. At the very best, the guy is off his rocker, badly and seriously. I can with little doubt assure you. If this is indeed all, the potential is horrible enough.

Yesterday I had occasion to look for something almost three-years old. In the course of it I found a very long letter he felt impelled to write me 2 1/2 years ago. This is the background:

Several of his colleagues accused him of working against me and for Escobar three or four months earlier. Or before that, before he ever got, - and he was doing this because one of the people he cites in alleged refutation of the later charge wrote me and told me it, and of the reasons I tried to avoid him my first trip out. In writing me Dave said he had done and never would do any such thing. He assured me to do so would serve no good purpose and he would serve no other.

Months went by and he did exactly what he said he never would. Forgetting this letter, as I had, he even sent me a copy, one of the rare cases, for in most of this he has carefully selected those to whom he sent such stuff. I doubt if you or Paul got what others did.

I wish I thought there were some prospect of my being out there sometime soon, but I do believe this is important and should be gone into thoroughly. It is unlikely. I have heard nothing from Song Besen, by the way, not even an acknowledgement. What I ask I do not want for any public use; I want it for protection only. Remember, we are getting close to the filing of suits, and there are several recent cases where it seems that he has had access to what, on the basis of what we know, can only be attributed to mail interception. If this is not the case, some of those you and I held in highest esteem have not been trustful and honorable. Neither is a pleasant prospect... For what it is worth to you, there is no doubt that Dave is a deliberate liar on an unimaginable magnitude and is actively doing bad things not just researching. On these things the case is beyond question, whether or not he has disclosed it to you and Paul and whether or not you are willing to believe me, I hope by now you know me well enough to know I would not say that if there were any question. In itself, - hope it is enough to persuade you to do what I ask. If you have any questions, ask them.

Sincerely,