

4/18/69

Dear Hal,

Hasty response to your 4/15:

Check on the going over of what I have sent. Please make whatever suggestions and additions you can.

Check on Brandon. This could be important. He apparently did not know it when we met him, and I didn't, but I learned when I was in Dallas that Sylvia has remarried and is back in the U.S., then in Miami. Her uncle, Guitart (whose name cannot be believed even after he is seen- and he, like Bringuier, is a Havana lawyer), professes to be unaware of either her whereabouts or her new name. Hard to believe. I believe my suspicion, that she told Mechann in confidence what he may not be able to live with as a priest, is valid, after interviewing him.

If there is substantial reason to believe the Logerses did more than provide her with a pad away from her kids for the convalescence, as the Castorres told me, and at Ferre's request, I would be very interested.

I will want to go over what he provides carefully.

Check on Jeanne and the tape. You are right. You should also show her the relevant FBI reports and ask when and by whom she was interviewed, etc.

One of the importances of the KP-Shaw story is that he gives different accounts. In one he was unaware until told, being in his office. In another he was returning from lunch and just missed his "rendevous with destiny". I'll want to hold this for N.O., not give it to them now. I think it unwise to raise the question with WDSW now. Your suggestions on NBC are possible, maybe probable. I believe they have not been independent in all of this, may have been doing it with official interest or may have been led into it by Sheriden. However, it is also possible that it was innocent, for Sheriden was to see me in the summer of 1967, late June or early July, as I recall. He indicated he was going to interview all "critics". On the basis of what I now know of him, I suppose he was wired and was taping in his car, which was very close and could have picked an FM bug up easily.

Was the Cuban flag flown at half mast to which you refer over the ITM? That is correct. Jesse Core told me that. However, Shaw said, I think to the limp-wrist from Esquire, that Oswald picketed that building because the "consulate" was there. You may recall, there are and then were no Cuban consulates in the U.S.

Bud violated my confidence and trust when he was there. One of the reasons I refused to join his group is that I could not trust some of his board, specifically Turner. I have made this and the reasons clear to you. I told him I would help in every way I could, give him whatever I had, on the condition it was personal, given to no one else, especially not Turner, who has also stolen from me wholesale and then, when he found occasion to mention my work, belittled it. You were there. I'd appreciate a list of the things he did mention, for I must raise this with him. I will not give him another thing if I cannot trust him to keep his word, for you will eventually learn, if you have not already, what damage some of those who have been trusted have done. In Turner's case, though he be your friend, the best I can say is that he is an unscrupulous competitor. I will not disclose my source.

It was very unpleasant writing you about this yesterday. However, I cannot impress upon you too much the urgent necessity of ending idle chatter. Look at New Orleans, the consequences, and how much worse they might have been had I not been able to do what I did. If you doubt me, please check with Gary, who has had access to some of the material. Turner even was character reference to two agents! I was at a party "he" gave in N.O. I later found out they paid for it. Please, Hal, please be careful, and help me try and keep things straight, or as straight as we can.

Manek is supposed to be Raul.

It is possible but not the most possible explanation of the Colony girl learning where Bud was, that she phoned all the hotels.

Paul has PM and PM III. I want no use of the contents at all now for I am carrying the work further and am negotiating for commercial use. If it is not probable it is not to be thrown away, either. I hope to have a spare copy of COUP soon. I will be adding much.

Georgen connected radical-right extremists Baltimore area. John George was a narcotics informant and petty thug in N.O. until he and his pal, Morris Brownlee, were picked up by Martin-Sheridan. Still another John JARVIS Joerg is a lit prof in N.O., was an FBI political informant, is a friend of Ivon's, who trusts him. The other variants are unknown to me. Bud never told me anything he learned from Bolden, contenting himself with saying what he and the lawyer said didn't make much sense, or didn't amount to much. ...The name of the Haitian banker is familiar.

Is it worth speaking to Bernardo after more than a year?

Hurriedly,

April 15, 1969

Dear Hal,

Yesterday I spent a very brief time with Paul and tried to catch up on all the material you've been sending him. I have taken notes on what I considered important and as soon as Jim Schmitt gets through with them Paul will let me study them more closely which should be within a week. In the meantime, I'll just make a few comments on things you ~~ask~~ asked about. This letter will be a brief one.

As for your request to interview Brandon again, that is definitely in the works. He is to be at my place on Thursday evening and we will go over anything he learned from his writing the friends in Dallas. There will be questions that I will ask him which he may be in a position to elicit from his friends if he does contact them again. Needless to say, you will receive anything I learn and it'll be written up in a memo for your use.

Now for some other questions you raised in your last two letters. No, I haven't forgotten the Jeanne Hack matter. I definitely plan on doing something about that this coming weekend. I've hesitated calling her for one reason only and that is when I do contact her I want everything on tape. Since I am getting a tape recorder this weekend (had to wait until I got ~~my~~ paid) she is first on the list to be contacted this Saturday or Sunday. You will, of course, receive a copy or the transcript.

In your letter of 3/25/69 to me you requested a copy of the AP dispatch on the reference to ~~Shaw~~ Shaw having been interviewed the week before he made national headlines when he was named as a co-conspirator. I've located four copies so far - each from different sources and all saying the same thing which is something like: "He (Shaw) told an interviewer last week he never knew or spoke to Lee Oswald." The version I have says that the interview was conducted by WDSU-TV. Written by John ~~Lang~~ Lang who is an AP writer it says the following: "Shaw said in an ~~interview~~ ~~last week~~ with WDSU-TV last week he never knew or spoke to Oswald. Shaw did recall having seen Oswald passing out leaflets outside the Trade Mart." I'm sorry I don't have the copies zerox'd for you now but they will be sent to you this week when I'll be writing you about the Brandon interview. I have all sorts of speculations about why this interview was being held but I'll just throw out one: NBC's interest in the whole case is consistent throughout - they seem to be in on every little thing that develops of importance. If Shaw was interviewed I'll bet that he was not the only one on that tape and it would be interesting to see who else was on the tape. And who made the decision to get these people interviewed and then so quietly forgotten about?

One other interesting fact that comes to light in these AP copies you'll be getting is that the Cuban flag was flown at half mast for the Cuban exiles who died in the Bay of Pigs invasion. It would also be interesting to know just who ordered this to occur. (On these AP clips, I want to call Jim White and see if he may know Lang of AP. Perhaps he knows how to ~~reach~~ reach him, although it would seem that his statement that Shaw was interviewed by WDSU would leave it at that and the best ~~thing~~ thing would be to get in touch with WDSU either directly or through one of your contacts there).

You may be interested in learning that I have learned of a person connected with Texas Industries which the Rogers are associated with. This source may have ~~known~~ known one of the Paines. I hope to be able to explore this further with Brandon. It could be that Brandon's source and mine may know each other but perhaps they can complement any information that Brandon has. I learned of the source just recently although I've known this person for almost two years. I just tapped her knowledge of people quite accidentally and then she began telling me of this person. She prepared a memo and I've asked her to get more so when it can be put in readable and understandable form you'll get a copy. As you know, I always send you everything I have.

The name Manek is unfamiliar to me although Bud dropped it when he was in town last. I have nothing on him and I would doubt that it is the same person mentioned in the Giesbicht story as Bud suggested. As for Gimpel, his name is familiar and I've seen it in the volumes. Friend of Ruby. Just look up Vol. 15 for the references to him in the testimony.

As for the Colony girl mentioned in your last letter, Bud did give me her full name and phone number. She is also first on the list to contact as soon as I get this tape recorder. Bud said she was reluctant to meet with him and would not give her ~~name~~ address to him. She reached him at his hotel although he hadn't announced it publicly on the air. My guess is that she called all the various hotels and contacted him that way. She has info on the Bill Hunter news reporter affair. You'll recall he was shot in the Long Beach police department (library room, I believe).

You said you would like to send a copy of the ms on Post Mortem for going over. I have the time and can do more on making notes, suggestions, etc. if you want to send me a copy. I promise I'll examine it more thoroughly than last.

In your letter to Gary of 2/6/69 you asked about any knowledge of one John Georgen, a former Army Colonel (lawyer). (I'm not sure he is a lawyer because your reference ~~is~~ the lawyer may be to the name after Georgen. (Could this name be typed wrong? If it is Georgeu it could be significant for in my letter to you of 3/22/69 in which I enclosed a copy of a letter I had written to a Haitian exile and it referred to a man named "Gargeu" (FNU). When I gave Bud a copy of this same letter he mentioned to me that he was also interested in finding out more about a "Georgiou". Bud said that Bolden was asked the same question in ~~the~~ prison by (and here I am quoting from memory and not my notebook, the FBI).

Referring to this letter of the Haitian, I now have almost certainly identified the name of the person in that letter who is supposed to have had secret bank transactions with Shaw. In my letter the name is given as "Joseph Charles Cremard". I now believe it to be ~~Joseph~~ Clemart Joseph Charles. This name appears in the "Nation" of 3/31/69. Although it is too long to quote the entire reference hear it describes him as Duvalier's "personal banker". He was arrested in 1967 (interestingly enough, the same year the Garrison-Shaw case broke and his Commercial Bank was turned over to an organization known as "Mixed Enterprises of the State." If you'll allow me to indulge in some very wild speculating could it possibly be that pressure was brought to bear by American interests to see that records were conveniently gotten rid of which might incriminate Shaw. I only offer it as speculation, mind you.

Sorry, must close now. Have a dinner appointment. Will write  
Best,  
Hal