

11/10/69

Dear Hal,

Via 3rd class, you 10/27 reached me 11/8. I had all day company, so I first looked at it yesterday, all of which was spent answering mail without completing that mail. In a short while today's will be here, and when I get that cleaned up I hope I can turn to staring to post the corrections on the add to COUP.

I have now forgotten why I wanted Planette. Did I know it is in French? I'll file it under Verb temporarily, in the hope you may have time to give me a synopsis I can attach to it and file properly.

Glad to get all the clips. Thanks. I am gradually accumulating an INCA and Butler file, and I'll think I'll lay it out in AGENT OSWALD.

If you remember COUP, the Cuban Freedom committee I first mentioned in O in NO has been of interest to me. It is more so after COUP. If you find that stuff, I'd like to have it.

On the Odio-Brendon-women bit: tape it and send me dub, please. You know the story pretty well. Try and have Paul with you, because he knows the docs best and can pick up leads to them and perhaps indications that may relate to the withheld. There are a few questions I suggest you hold until toward the end, for the women may tend to clam up, from their character.

Do they know why Connell felt as antagonistic as she did toward Odio? What broke the Connell marriage?

Aside from their being ultraconservative, what do they know of the Rogerses? Do they know any reason for Sylvia to have stayed there after her surgery other than that Ferre arranged it? Do they know the story about the pillow? Do they know the contents of the letters Connell wrote Sylvia from Boston and their disposition?

Do they know anything, including who they were, when they were there, from what orgs, of the three visitors?

When were they at Sylvia's bedside? What made them think she might want to harm herself?

Do they know her new married name, address, or anyone who has heard from her since her remarriage and return (all I know is Florida, and that is a year old).

Do they know why Father Mechann has virtually ceased being a priest? (I like him, by the way, and he confirms my analysis O in NO)

Do they know the Castorrs, etc.

Do they know when and to whom Sylvia first told her story (first FBI report 12/18, rather late; and there are many interviews not covered with reports.

Did they attend any Cuban meetings (whose, when and where, who there, etc) What are their thoughts on the entire matter?

What do they know of Parkland, Cubans there (Castorrs told me they helped get fantastic number male nurses located there) esp in context man Mechann told Kelley about (I have two possible candidates from Castorrs).

What did Sylvia say, about this (anything distantly related), in hospital or any time, about people, her worries. Why did she fear Cubans would be blamed for killing JFK?

What are their ideas, suspicions (no matter how far out, encourage them to undurden, honestly, for we have learned that some of the least probable are valid),

Perhaps not related, but you may remember a by-phone I did with Harv, when a former Dallas businessman was on the line describing pictures he had taken and there was a disconnect. See if this could be related, perhaps a husband, or if there is something similar. I'd still like to see those just-before pix.

Appreciate Brandon's offers and would like to be able to. What you say about months is right. I've not even had the simple courtesy of a reply from Pat. This sort of thing galls me. All of these self-important because they don't believe the official fiction have a way of thinking they are a blessing to the world because they have the gumption to disagree and they waste the time of the people who are really working. As you know, if they listen to Lenn and Turner and the like they will be misinformed and will at best engage in futilities. I tell you frankly, the only reason I agreed, after my previous experiences with such groups, is to have a way of being with those of you who are doing real work and going into some things we cannot adequately cover by mail. There is nothing but lost time in it for me, no prospect of any income, and none ever tries to get a real lecture appearance before a group where there is impact. I am surprised that none of the student groups have any interest in the King-Ray case, where I believe I could turn em on. There is little immediate prospect the Amer Prog Bureau will come through because they are finding little interest in the subject. Mark and Jim did that for us.

Dekker's letter to me had a return address "property owner" on it. If he is a doctor, then I'd like him to get interested in my medical/autopsy work, at least to see it. If I get to come out, then I'll bring enough of it for him to get the flavor and a pretty good idea of what it says.

O in NO ms: return fourth class, which is cheap, but insure, please

I suddenly remembered Gentry's name, so I could find his address and wrote him. Believe I sent you copy letter. No response yet.

Canyon has agreed to pay shipping costs of Conn's returning O in NO to me, so there will be no lawyer need here if we can find him and he hasn't junked them and if we can get a reasonable accounting. He was strange from the first, but as you know, I begin trusting everyone, and what he held forth seemed reasonable. He still has copy of COUP. You have both Butler pieces. If you get a chance, it would be good to know if Truehaft thinks we can establish maliciousness, the current test on libel, because before he published he knew these things were false (one of the few benefits of that Lyne radio show). I presume this would be a chance to get Shick/Frawley? Butler in court. Bob knows my "past".

Meiswinkel: I think it would be a good idea to see what there is in the Archives on him. On the chance he is the guy (and as I recall, he said he'd never been interviewed) I think it would be a good idea to get someone who had never dealt with the Archives to write for what they have or to get the statement they have zero. I have nothing on cards on him. Checking with Jim, Paul, good idea. Each is superb in his way and both have excellent memories. Mine is failing.

There are a few frames missing from that 2 copy, at the beginning. Okay on the 3D 7 index. Pauls covers the same thing, but for my purposes, the form of mine was better. I've not a single copy left. Lenn has one on which he'd promised to work in 1967 and hasn't. There is no point in writing him because with their independent income he refuses to pay me \$150 he's owed me two years, justifying it to himself on the ground I'm some kind of agent!...I've gotten address and written to Candid Press, but no response. I now expect none.

Best to everyone.

Sincerely,

October 27, 1969

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Dear Hal,

I received your letters dated October 18 & 19 and was glad to hear from you.

As I promised I'm enclosing some material you desired in your letter dated Sept. 20, 1969 with the exception of copies of pamphlets from the "Cuban Freedom Committee". I thought I had these in my file on the Cuban references but I couldn't find it there. I'll check my other files again after this letter and if I locate I'll send you the copies.

Enclosed are zerax copies of the Jan.-Feb., 1967 "Planete"; copy of the INCA pamphlet together with INCA's order form; a copy of the S.F. Chronicle 10/1/69 story on the Oswald Libel Suits; the National Enquirer copies for the successive weeks of ~~10/26~~ 10/19, 10/26 & 11/2 dealing either with the JFK, the Martin Luther King, or the Bobby Kennedy cases. You have one of these already but you can have an extra one for your records.

You might be interested in knowing that I spoke with Brandon about setting up a meeting with the girl he knows concerning the Odie bit and he told me that he thinks he can swing it so she'll meet. The last time I spoke to him he didn't think she would but now he will use his powers of persuasion and I feel that he will be able to do so. Incidentally, I told him that there was a chance to have you out here late this year and told him about your problems of publishing and he thought of having a cocktail affair to help you raise some money while you were here. The only thing was that he thought November and December were bad months for you to be here since this was his prime business time and I said it would also be bad in so far as Christmas time and thanksgiving times were not the most favorable, anyway for you to be here since students often travel out of town during those months. Of course, this is all based on either Pat Welsh or possibly the American Program Bureau coming though. Even then, it appears that not until January would the most favorable time for you and us to get together. Agree?

I also called Ken Dekker at the phone number you gave me (you'll recall I said I had his address but his phone wasn't listed). His appointment secretary left my name and phone for him to call me back. I had forgotten that he was a doctor. I hope he catches me at the times I am home otherwise I'll have to visit his office.

I've managed to finally locate your manuscript on "Oswald in New Orleans" which I found down in Tom Sanders' basement after searching this past weekend through dozens of boxes. I have it right in front of me and I would enclose it with this letter but because of its weight I'll have to send it seperately. I'd like to get to do this before the week is over and so you'll probably receive it within two weeks.

You asked for the addresses and phone numbers of both Bob Truehaft and Curt Gentry. Bob Truehaft's office is at 1440 Broadway, Oakland (phone#452-1300) and Gentry's last known address I have is 439 Chestnut Street, S.F. (phone#362-4314). Gentry is the fellow whose name you could not recall who is doing a book on the Gary Powers affair. I've not heard from him although Paul may have.

Regarding your memo of ~~lx~~ 10/9/69 and the five boxes of Commission internal files you had examined: None of the names in your next to the last paragraph correspond to the caller who phoned Joe Delan back in Decemeber, 1966. His name was Meiswinkel if my belief about him being the man who told you on the phone that he would be going to a convention in September of 1967 is correct. Perhaps Gary or Paul may have come across his name in their researches in the Archives. I knew that Jim Schmitt with his excellent memory probably has it in the back of his mind when he reviews the documents he receives from the Archives but I'll remind him next time I see him.

Returning to Truehaft again, as I've written you before I am only able to see him on weekends or at night and since his office hours are from 9 to 5 every day from Monday to Friday, it's extremely difficult to arrange a meeting with him about the things you want to have him look into. Perhaps a letter by you to him asking him if he could meet at some ~~in~~ other times might help. What do you think?

No word from Jenn Christian in a year.

Recently received the Z-film from Dave but I've not had a chance to examine it. I may arrange a meeting for friends for a showing since I still do want to maintain the contacts I've built up in the years I've been involved in this affair.

I don't have that index of CD 7 which you believed you gave me. Perhaps Paul, Jim or Gary may have it but I don't. I've asked Paul to call me about it and should hear from him shortly. If he has it I'll ask him to send it to you.

Well, there is little else new here or for that matter anywhere else that I know of to tell you. I hope to get together with Paul soon and compare notes. Other than that I can't think of anything pressing. I hope what I've enclosed will be of some help.

In the meantime, best of luck on Coup and the Ray/King ms. If there is anything you need let me know and I'll help out in any way I can. Give my regards to your wife and say hello to Bud when he gets back.

Best,

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