

Dear Hal,

8/19/71

Hasty response Urlet LA because I have to go into town this p.m.
Check, thanks Olam.

Anderson had typo. Correct name Ritey. Jim Lesar has done some checks. Apparently one of the well-intentioned fools. He sent it first to Krosswire adm. asst., where there is no chance and, when he had no personal knowledge it was stupid and as they always work out, hurtful to the credibility of a

Sputnik: I have July only, haven't read. Jim had it and gave me copy.

Wonder what impelled this kind of USSR writing now? They wouldn't touch when it counted. Dilla, Check agency, flipped over my work but could place anywhere.

And why the Izvestia editor placed his piece in a minor journal?

Thanks for offer Happinen. But I don't know of anything to be done there, not as I current on what those in LA are into or up to.

CRS is due here before too long. He may fill me in.

Excuse haste. I'm into too much too much.

Thank an best,

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Dear Hal,

This will be a preliminary report on the Olam situation. Tomorrow I'll be calling him back. When I called him this week his father answered and went looking for him in the garage but couldn't find him so he said he must have gone out for awhile. Since it was late I didn't call back the same night. However, I'll be in San Francisco tomorrow and call him back. I left word the first time that I had called leaving my name. So it would appear, at least, that Olam is alright and hasn't disappeared from San Francisco. He is still at the Athens Street address.

Nothing so far on Don Riley as mentioned in the Anderson column. Friends I've asked about him have never heard of him and I'll have someone contact the S.F. Labor Temple to see if they have something on him. Chances are that he may not live in San Francisco. There is no listing in the phone book under his name. Hope to have more on that later.

If you haven't seen the June and July issues of the Russian journal known as "Sputnik" which appears in English you should pick up copies. If you can't get ready access to them I'll send you copies of articles which appeared in both. They were written by Mikhail Sagatelyan who is now Izvestia's deputy foreign editor. At the time of the JFK thing he was Tass Washington correspondent covering the White House and State Dep't. The first article, which I have, seems to attach much significance to LBJ's claiming the assassination of JFK was nothing but a Red plot of sorts in the face of all evidence to the contrary and, even more important, against the professed beliefs of top Washington officials such as his Cabinet. Since I don't have the July issue I don't know what his conclusions will be but the July issue has been promised to me by a friend who gave me the June issue.

As for the crypto letter which you got my opinion is that it promises little even were it to be solved. I've mulled over it and the only thing I can say is that it appears to have been done by someone who is ~~either~~ academically minded and is playing games but games of a twisted sort.

Larry Haapanen of the Seattle group will be in the Bay area late this month and says he has a few things to discuss. He'll probably stay at my place while he's here. He then heads for L.A. to do some work down there. In case you are in need of anything down there I'm sure I can get Larry to do it for you. He is a man of unquestioned integrity.

Well, must get some sleep now. Will keep you posted on the Olam, Riley situation as they develop.

Best,

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