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Dear Allen,

Almost called you 5 a.m. this morning, but I decided you'd be short-staffed, too busy and not too happy about working that trick on Xmas, so this is my "Merry Christmas" to you.

Your station has an excellent signal here, as soon as the Washington daytimer on the same frequency signs off. There must be a western daytimer on the same frequency, for in the early night you have interference. I'd expect a heterodyne but it is like a raw AC hum.... When I'm doing mechanical work, like pasting up a book or the appendix to one, or posting corrections, I listen to your station at night. Some of the coverage of events I've been interested in figures in a book I've just completed. You reported what did not make the wires services and, for my purposes, was significant.

There is one thing I'd like to learn that perhaps you know or can learn for me- but very unobtrusively. What is a Task Force Area 1 On-Sight Arrest? When you have time, call me and I'll background you on this, but, please, not to go any further now. I think it may hold some interest for you, but it is important that nothing be said now. To anyone.

Also, I'm interested in Sgt. Daniel Groth, his attitudes (esp. political and race, if you know), as who isn't now? But the current thing is not my real interest.

One other thing interests me, but not enough to put you to a lot of trouble. A New Orleans lawyer who represents a number of Garrison's enemies has just done a book, called the "Garrison Case". I am interested in the effort behind it, thus in whether your station got a review/freebee. Perhaps Dan, unless things have changed out there, would know. It once would have gone to him. If any publicity material accompanied it, I'd like to see it, if you got one and the puffery was saved.

Wish I could send you a copy of my limited-edition (xerox) COUP D'ETAT. There is a fair amount of Chicago material in it, including an elliptical prediction of the Panther murders. Did that part long ago.

Hope you and yours are well and happy. Have a good year.

Best,

Harold Weisberg