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Dear Mrs. Williams,

This letter, which requires no reply, is not an assumption that you, your associates or Mr. O'Brien are without political knowledge or don't know more about your own case than I do. It is, rather, that I've been around Washington longer, have knowledge of Republican operations of the past reminiscent of the current caper, and may have some knowledge or understanding of the Cuban involvements from my past work that may not be immediately obvious.

*See Gray
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NY 5.*

If the perhaps dozen pages of FBI reports on several of those charged that I have are a sample, you'll find, if you get access to any new ones, a special semantics and a special kind of selectiveness in what is asked and what is of that reported that might require previous experience in translating FBI into plain English. From my experience I would expect this phenomenon to be more pronounced in this case because of its omissions in the reports I have, transparent omissions; because there was open violation of the neutrality act by some of your characters and no prosecution; and because there is nothing as important to the FBI as protecting the FBI. (What the FBI did to poor Chief Justice Warren when he headed the Commission is beyond belief to those who have not probed deeply, as only a very few have.)

From the first there were, to me, aspects that didn't make sense in what was reported. This includes motive, of which you may well have knowledge I do not have. From the tentative analysis of my fairly good knowledge of the particular kind of Cubans involved, I would encourage your clients to have their own competent observers at the coming Republican convention, for one of the possible conclusions, considering the unifying factors in what is known of all the personnel, those charged and those not charged, is strongly suggestive of some CIA domestic operations of the past involving refugee nationals from other lands. A Miami version of Chicago 1968 seems not impossible to me. Of the Cubans already in Miami, thousands would consider this an act of patriotic dedication. And more of the people already identified have had military leadership training than the papers have reported. By this I mean more than in preparation for the Bay of Pigs. Suarez, for example, is also a Ft. Jackson veteran and took additional invasion training after the Bay of Pigs. So, of the Cubans already identified, none of whom were needed in any bugging operation, there is a trained cadre for other purposes.

What has appeared in the papers about Hunt and what has been said about him officially is false. Despite the pretense that he was fired by Bennett, he still is connected with the Mullens firm. I have to respect confidentiality on this, but I have unimpeachable information that he still gets mail and phone services through the public relations firm. You may recall my special interest in him from my earlier letters. He was not just an employee but was a vice president and director. Or at least so claimed.

Because from the first a friend, an experienced reporter in a distant city, had the same suspicion I had about Mrs. Martha Mitchell's atypical behavior, I have saved newspaper clippings on that strange episode which so admirably served as a cover for Mr. Mitchell's departure from the committee involved. We entertain the notion it was John, not Martha, whose "liberation" was bought.

An association of some of the publicly-identified characters and those active in a previous, whether or not continuing, committee of Cuban-Americans for Nixon-Agnew, is inevitable. I do not assume that you or your client would necessarily find it relevant were it true. But if you have the available youth-power, I hope you won't consider it forward if I suggest a careful check of the required reporting under the Corrupt Practices Act for previous elections, particularly the national campaign of 1968, of both contributions and expenses. You ~~may~~ be dealing with veterans of more than the Bay of Pigs and Ft. Jackson.

If you can spare a set of the papers already filed in court, some of the things in them may trigger other recall.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg