

JL, PH only 1/7/72 In time I will tell you my source and the entire sad story. I do regret nobody else could anticipate in September, when I think it should have been obvious, that no one of the many I wrote responded in any meaningful way, seem to have given this thing the independent thought I asked of each. My immediate purpose in this brief note is to let you know that when I spoke to my source yesterday I encouraged him to speak to Cyril and gave him all Cyril's phones. He later told me Cyril was not in but would call back. I explained all about Cyril, how great he is, etc., and how busy and assured him Cyril would. Both times I asked him to ask Cyril to call me, saying it was important. I have no reason to believe he failed to convey this message. Today my source reported his late yesterday's conversation with Cyril. If Cyril briefed him adequately, my source did not reflect the proper understanding of the briefing I would have expected C to have provided. And as of bedtime tonight, I have heard nothing from Cyril. As of tonight, if I cannot hold forth any great hope that this thing will backfire, I can say that the prospects are better than they were when Marshall et al. started their typical whoring with history and trust. This is not to say they are good, only not as bleak. HW