

Stevens Point, Wisc. 12/6/71

Dear Paul,

I'm in the pad of a student named Kellerman (there were three Kellermans at a rolling assassination-politics bullsession I had with two dozen students until 2:30 a.m.) who must have the longest torso in the world or has the strangest notions of typing comfort, for his desk is six inches too high for typing. When some of them return from registration I'll be going to the student activities building with them for sessions the rest of the day. If I'm not socked in I'll be leaving about daylight for Chicago, thence DC, debriefing by Bud/Jim, then, wearily, home. I've asked that they meet and debrief me because I've been into so much the early part of this trip seems in the remote past and what is not out of mind is melding with everything else. I've made what notes I could, and where I can I'll send you copies when I can. When I get home there will be the accumulation of three weeks plus the urgent business I laid aside to make this trip, so there will be little time.

There is nobody I wanted to see who was in town and who I didn't. Some wanted what they said to be in confidence, and I'll honor their requests, of course. Some should have asked that I preserve confidence, for I think all interests require it, and I'll impose this stricture where I think it necessary. However, Mary, who has been acting as a kind of confidential secretary, knows everything and will know more for I've opened up two sources she'll be exploring for me, Wade's and Storey's files. I've skimmed both.

What I think will interest you most at the moment is what a man in a position to know told me about the Hudkins-Oswald Informant story. Hudkins lied on purpose to protect his real source, a Houston FBI agent. He said that agent would be canned but Decker would not bother Sweatt. Credible. Sweatt's polygraph room was used by Barrett and another FBI agent to sweat Hudkins, but we've seen no report. My source was there.

Kaack has been fired. I talked to him by phone. He confirms earlier visits to LHO's Garner residence, doesn't contest number of five times before N.O. arrest, will not say it was because of defection, saying instead that I draw my own inferences.

Ruby did confess premeditation, did tell Senator Saturday he would do it if he could. He was so sick! What is not in the files Henry told me, the public practise of cumilungulus. Other pleasures ranged from masturbating dogs to fondling girls just entering puberty to attempted rape and homosexuality.

If I do not include, I'll send separately list of CDs on Ruby as CI from Arch's chronology. They are in packet downstairs. PR says Ruby was recruited as CI by Will Hay Griffin, who formerly handled French Quarter, inc. subversives, was disciplined by sending to Dallas when M.O. was station of first choice. When R shot LHO the FBI began reconstructing records to hide embarrassment. All of numerous police, similar sources I consulted consider it inevitable Ruby's position made him likely CI for he was in position to know and report on criminal activity. Went thru BRRRR!!! old farmhouse and got: CD4:155-9; CDs 732J:1-2;1052; and in CD732, JEH letters of 2/27 and 4/7/64.

Hosty pronounced with long O, was best-friends with Revill, according to Mrs. Pat Revill, now Wade's secretary. They are no longer. R works for "Bumwright", I think H.R. Bright, one of ad financiers and far-right. Nobody doubts accuracy R's affidavit. It had been notarized and Henry Wade saw it by 5 p.m. 11.22....I think it best that we say nothing about Henry opening his files to me. He may be hassled because of it. He could not have been friendlier. ...Disagreeable visits from Penn and Boxley (who found it necessary to produce genuine CIA credentials of the past, not the Garrison period, perhaps because he had heard that I did not believe he had ever worked for the agency). Both are still hung up on Garrison. Palmer terrified Boxley by telling him that JG's people were going to kill him. Mary is without doubt on this. Palmer now said to have some kind of identification-card business in Ariz. Box says my Esquiel lead solid but with excessive mysteriousness will not amplify. The LA State Police have done odd moonlighting for hears, like providing Marcello with a trooper to be his chauffeur.

There are withheld CDs on something at Sikes, La., Pearl Simons, etc., close to where Ruby's pal crashed his plane. Earl Golz, then of Milwaukee Sentinel, now Dallas Morning News, has much of the alleged story from one Joe Watson, former head La. NAACP, now with American Motors, Milwaukee. What we can check stacks, except for obvious prejudices. Great thing about command point, JG version, with buried phone lines to an abandoned cabin, seems farout. But it is Goldonna country. I didn't work on this. Mary knows that stuff well, is impressed. Golz does appear in Wade, FBI files (inc. with name misspelled as "Cole". He has promised to type up all his old notes for us.

More details from Jesse Gore on "third man". He ran when Jesse kicked up fuss. JC saw WDSU footage right after ass., says it showed him. Confirmed by Ed Planer (word, "absolutely"). Not in it now. Sal Panzeca had witness who didn't want to get involved who got LHO lit both at IIN and on Canal St., where more active person was about 200 lbs. Doesn't recall LHO from Canal St. distribution. Which can explain uptightness on Martin, Doyle films. Description close to one I recall from JG files, perhaps attributed to Quiroga, of a man taking pictures of it. Panzeca says he had several large notebooks of material on Russo he did not have to us. Agrees it is likely that LHO and Russo had at least met, says he believes it. Not at Ferrie's, tho.

When I get home and go over notes, I'll probably ask the return of some. I never had good conditions for typing, rarely had time, and had a paper shortage after N.O. I'm almost out now. ...E.R.Beck, who was to have driven LHO transfer lead car, now Wade's investigator-driver. Saw nothing, was getting into position. ...Storey has bound set of what is labelled DPD Walker file. MF will go over. It now is clear to Mary, Arch and me that the WC did not have all relevant DPD reports... Do you recall the arrest while running from the LHO killing of one Goffney, who the DPD report says was released when it became "apparent" he was only a (running-away)sightseer?...I have some confidential Dallas notes on a cassette. Have you a place you can hear it in private? If you do not, would you care to go to the Whites, who can play it and can be trusted to keep confidence? I can send it. Mary has a dub. I made one for each of us at the same time...I wrote some out in longhand while waiting. I', hoping il can read them, for it will be some time before I can type. The medical ones are important. I saw Carrico, McClelland and Perry. They merely confirm what I already have in the new last part of PM, so I'll just add as footnote. Do not repeat, but anterior neck wound was above collar and ringed with bruise. Jenkins was out of town. Wright was at Kiwanis or something similar. ...Steno, possibly Julia Bide, was at 1/24/64 ex sess, according to both Storey and Wade.... Zelden says that when Andrews phoned him from Hotel Dieu he gave Z. Marguerite's phone no. ... H.L.Hunt asked me to go to work for him! Maybe Penn is right. I must be some kind of agent?... Boxley and Mary have dubs of tape Palmer phone conversation with Nancy Perrin Rich in which she claims to have laid Garrison in his office. It is not clear, is elliptical, but Mary agrees this is what she says. For money ("the money was good"). Boxley declines dub, Palmer's property. Didn't know I knew Mary has dub. ... I'm not up to date on fed Garrison indictment but I think his self-prosecution is lemming-like, whether or not legally sound. One of reasons for delay in fed indictment was decision whether or not to include last session legislature. Inclusion of bribery charge, from radio reports, may bear on this. Special state prosecutor has added the obvious charge of malfeasance and asks for special gran jury and special investigation. I know him and saw him Friday before his appointment on another matter not related to JG. Solid, left citizen, excellent lawyer. He'll go down the middle. Strange that O'Hara appointed him. ...Bethell helped by Stern Foundation. He looks awful. Has completed book on jazz to be published by Univ. Calif, Press. Met him when he wandered in Larry Borenstein's just in time to intrude upon and end something I was working on. ...Best,