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Dear Js,

Got your letter of the 24. enclosure on Bethell, etc, day before yesterday as we left town. Expect to return tomorrow. Had to go to Wil. Del for (delayed) hrg. My mother also lost 13 lbs of assorted tumors and seems to be in remarkably fine condition, considering the extent of the surgery and her age. So, having brought the mill for other purposes, I'll answer mail. Multipurpose tripping.

The Harwood quote is undoubtedly in the large file I kept and mislaid when we moved. This is a minimum, but if you have any more, I'd appreciate it. The Post story may, in fact, be more than they syndicated. You'll see how narrow my interest is when you see what I've written. Jaworski as CIA is one of my present interests.

Somewhere I remember seeing a reference to Dean Storey and his OSB experience. Do you recall where it may have been?

Your entry, "A hidden liberal - Cord Meyer Jr may refer to Braden's role. If you ever have any further interest in this, I think I have one or more clippings. These are true and dedicated "liberals".

One of my radical-right correspondents has sent me an advance of Geoffrey Wolff's incomprehensible denial in the Sunday Times Book Review of my truthful footnote that he had been ordered not to review my book. He was my source, and I respected him for his honesty. I'll be writing about this and will send you a copy. Matter of fact, the D of O&D spoke to him after he read proofs of F-U and he then confirmed this, for D told me. W was then with Newsweek. How the tentacles do slither.

I'll read the letter to me as we drove. I'd gotten the mail as we left. I think I'll wrap a few of these together and see if anyone can place it in the underground papers, if nowhere else. The Kaplan piece for the USIA should be awaiting me when I get home, and a young friend is checking other possible writings of this character. Wish I knew more about Barkham. Think I'll poke a little fun at Fred Graham at the same time. None of these literary whores knew it, but I was planning (and may yet do) a book titled "Dick Daring in the Hellbox, Or How I Got Rich in Six Months". So, I kept full notes! With the Post, I had extensive correspondence, and the order to Wolff followed the embarrassment of that great liberal Wiggins who had agreed for me to do a column, then asked me to cut it (and was, apparently, unhappy that I just snipped off the last 2/3) ~~xxxxx~~ but never kept his word. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Never used any of it. They've been boycotting me since.

But can a reviewer do otherwise today and have employment?

Don't rush on that Harwood clip if it has more on Jaworski, for I hope I'll will have that long chapter retyped before the mail can reach me. I'll include this small quote.

Harwood, by the way, figured in that Post flap. He had just joined them and they had given him an impossible assignment. I'll never forget one thing he told me by way of explaining why there was no doubt about the autopsy: Kenny O'Donnell had invited Ben Bradlee, then with Newsweek, I think, to attend the autopsy. How could there have been anything wrong, he said. But Bradlee forgot he was a newsman and didn't accept the invitation. I'm not using this now, so keep it quiet. He stayed on the 17th floor at Bethesda with Jackie. All of history may turn on this single abdication, for had he tried to go there, with or without a White Invitation, he'd have been kept out or ejected. When you read PM you'll get the picture...I've been sitting on this since 5/66, but I think when I return to the missing part of PM, I'll start a chapter with it. It is about time to tit some tats. But I prefer a context, and my new stuff will be it. Thanks and best,

5/21/71

Dear M,

In your letter of 12/4/69 you referred to CIA funds, noting that Sarah Righes and Leon Jaworski are among the directors of some. I have other notes of my own indicating another source is The Espionage Establishment, and I have an extensive but entirely unclassified file on these funds. I say or may not be able to find it without much, such time, and then I'll have to read through that enormity to find what I want. Perhaps you can save me what has become even more precious for me, time. I've begun writing again, and I've been starting at 4 a.m. again, which I know I should not. It is not yet five and before returning to that writing there are other letters I must write and some I have written.

My chief immediate interests are Jaworski (Koblitzele, as I recall) and Dean Stora, who may have no such connection, ditto Waggoner Carr, and what these funds may have done that is of special significance, particularly in espionage, if only in the use of students for such purposes.

If you could send copies of whatever you have fast, you could save me much time. I have to be away part of next week, and I want to complete the draft of a sample before then. If you can send this fairly promptly, I can have it on my return so that the beginning of the following week whatever you may be able to supply can be added before retyping. I'm submitting some sample chapters on a book proposal and because of unanticipated intrusions, I'm a week late now.

Hope you can find the time.

Sincerely,

Nothing else new, by the way, and no indication I'll be up your way anytime soon. Publisher abdication remains total.

Amey Lewis

*Don't take
time to write
if negative.
H. Best from
psh*

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We have a file on CIA subsidies, almost all of it on subsidies to students, but some on unions, Radio Free Europe, etc. Practically all of it is for 1967. Also clippings April 1966 on Michigan State and M.I.T.

Cannot tell from your letter to Ed precisely what it is you need. The list below is a random sampling. If you'd check any you think you can use and return this, we'd be glad to make copies and send them promptly. (You probably have all of them already, but list might give you a clue to dates in your own file.) How about a double check mark for copies - or write Copy in the margin - and a single check mark to indicate direction of interest? We'd have a better idea, then, of what to look for.

A student group concedes it took funds from C.I.A.; National Association says it received aid from early 1950's until last year; role in spying denied; leader asserts all money was used to help pay for overt activities abroad. Neil Sheehan, NYTimes 14 Feb 67.

State Department affirms C.I.A. gave students aid; leaders of student group explain link with C.I.A. Neil Sheehan, NYTimes 15 Feb 67.

Foundations linked to C.I.A. are found to subsidize 4 other youth organizations; funds identified as go-betweens. Neil Sheehan, NYTimes 16 Feb 67.

5 new groups tied to C.I.A. conduits; got funds of 3 foundations the agency aided - student unit favors ending links. (Foundations named are J. Frederick Brown Foundation, Independence Foundation, Sydney and Esther Rabb Charitable Foundation, all of Boston.) Neil Sheehan, NYTimes 17 Feb 67.

Ex-student [Frederic Delano Houghteling] tells of C.I.A. intrigue. Roy Reed, NYTimes, 17 Feb 67.

A growing roster of CIA subsidies; business leaders involved. Richard Harwood, Times-Post Service, SFChronicle 18 Feb 67. [Story deals with several foundations in Texas, including Hoblitzelle; names Judge Sarah T. Hughes and Leon Jaworski but gives few details of involvement. "Jaworski refused to discuss the financial affairs of the Anderson Foundation." "Efforts to reach Judge Hughes were unsuccessful."]

Students accuse C.I.A. of 'trapping' some into spying; say agency used 'fantastic pressure' on youths to keep missions secret ... Ben A. Franklin, NYTimes 19 Feb 71.

Students tell CIA approach; money, draft deferments [threat of jail]. AP, SFChronicle 18 Feb 67.

Student [Leslie R. Colitt] recalls C.I.A. recruiting [at Free University of Berlin]. Story by Colitt, NYTimes 20 Feb 67.

Trustee of Hobby Foundation [Houston] affirms C.I.A. link. E.W. Kenworthy, NYTimes 21 Feb 67.

Mystery death hides student's ties to CIA. [Story is on S. Avrea Ingram Jr., with details on NSA-Ingram-CIA link. Found dead by hotel maid, New York, 5 Feb 57; nude on floor; leather belt around neck attached to knob of desk drawer; NY medical examiner called death "asphyxia by hanging" and said indications were suicide. Had returned from Vienna where he was International Student Conference field worker just after Hungarian uprising Oct 56. "His overt job was to help student-freedom fighters fleeing Hungary to resettle and resume their studies in the West. What else he may have been doing is not known."] Stuart H. Loory, LATimes 26 Feb 67 - clipping incomplete.

A hidden liberal - Cord Meyer Jr. [CIA "spook" in charge of covertly subsidizing

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overseas activities of National Student Association and other groups.] Background story on Meyer, no byline, NYTimes 30 Mar 67.

21 foundations, union got money from CIA. [Approx. two columns listing foundations and beneficiary organizations.] Don Irwin and Vincent J. Burke, staff writers, LATimes 26 Feb 67.

(Reminder note in file of column? article? on CIA subsidies by Dwight MacDonald, Esquire June 67, p. 72.)

NSA chiefs bare CIA threats after split. AP, N.O. States-Item 14 Aug 67.

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