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Dear Jim,

This is something of which I should have thought earlier. My memory was jogged yesterday on receipt of a clipping that did not make the early editions the day the story broke, and in the country we get only the early editions.

There is useful and relevant data in those FBI files stolen from the Media, Pa. office. (Media being a suburb of Phila., one wonders why it requires a suboffice.) There may be more come to light as other reports are released by those who raided that office.

What interests me most is the limited ~~data~~ data dealing with the categories and paying of informants. In a "newsletter" of 9/16/70 on the new left, the FBI referred to PSI and SI. When the Washington Post, to whose reporter I spoke yesterday, sought to learn the meaning of these abbreviations from official sources, they were conned. The had guessed that this means "student investigator" and parttime student investigator", which it does not. There is no reference to any of these things in the official oblivion, as there should have been.

PSI is "Provisional Security Informant" and "SI" is "Security Informant". These are not new designations, were not created for students, blacks or the new left.

I have a long-standing interest in someone who was both. Having satisfied when his status was provision, he advanced, then copped out. Which presented some problems, ~~at~~ the permanent solution to which was not anticipated at the time the problem came up.

So, I ask that you be alert to what may appear, on the wire or elsewhere, relating to either of these or other categories or the mechanics of handling, paying, contact, etc. Anything on informants of any kind. Hope it is not too much trouble.

Hastily,