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Relet & 18, arr today, No immediate need to check earlier copy. Just file wrlet with so that if there is future use, both will be together. Must manufacture time now!

Your reconstruction mkaes sense, and I know from DC reporters that they got their news from M right after Quantico festivities. DJ DC also released, of which I have copy.

I think it likely there may have been some private and very limited backgrounding, and considering Guthman's former post, that could account for Chriss' story, but in your way I can't, for you have forgotten he doesn't have a jet atop the LAF bldg, with vertical takeoff, that he has lost two hours to begin with in time, takes four plus once in air, at least an hour each end getting to and from plane, if with no jitch and if he had a bag packed and waiting. And they he went through 113 plus pages and found what neither the locals nor wires found -all in time for a.m. filing? That ain't Nick Chriss; that's Wick Banyan!

Bdcause I regard one of the intents as broadening repression, making gov't more authoritarian, because thw whittling away at legal rights is one of open objectives, and because so much makes no sense on the basis of what we know (like arrests a.m. after last del'y JG, when it could unless someone was breathing down Gervais' neck, have waited another day-unless the Quantico setup was to be exploited, and it was the best - I m interested in this, which may at some point develop into a significant legal point/

By the way, I no longer get newsmags, and if they carry anything new, I'd like to know. Good p.r. would be to reserve something for them. (I've been sent Cook's treacle, os tnx, but don't bother. I'll read when I need laugh, from what I've been told.)

Did mags originally downplay? Three weeks now and nobody has mentioned, so I presume they had nothing special. LIFE has Chandler, and their play may be significant. Still get it and LOOK.

Tnx for willingness to continue instalments affs. Yours is a good point, and I'll have a pretty fair automatic check in the markings I'm putting on the news version. Now I'll be more pressed for time, tho. However, after tomorrow, Won't have to take Lil to and from town morn and night. She worked this week only, and it was too much for her, tho she spent day sitting at desk. But will that paycheck look good! Got back from DC today with 7 dimes, six nickels, three pennies, three 12-oz pkgs tea, after putting 10 gals in empty tank! I've dunned pubs for balance "advance". She'll replace same girl couple weeks for couple dgy's only. Not making these trips will not break a.m. and p.m. and return 1:45x 5 or give me back an 80hr day next week.

No word N.O. today, no word or clips from Pena week. Curious re F. Lee Bailey. I'll read excerpts as you send, mark, perhaps make notes, But I'll not now compare with off. copies until I finish draft PHII, intended as II to begin with. And there are other things to cope with. One nice touch, Jerry Ray has written Barbara Walters (Today) to try and persuade her they should air me, she was so nice when he wrote her. (It worked, but he didn't catch the ridicule in the teaser day before airing.)

Don't take more time on dating, placing forst story noew. You have too little of it, and I was told in DC what happened there. Discovery should permit if needed in court.

Realize I've been teasing, but that is not intent. Do you recall the answer to the riddle of the Gordian knot? Or didn't i background you on what I was doing several months ago? If I did, you'll catch after a while, like in "message", after thinking. Precaution may be unnecessary, but I think it best be cool.

Best,