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Dear Ed,

There is suddenly point in the Alford resignation and blast. I have just heard of the DJ arrest of JG, and the incomplete reports says they had someone inside for two years. I find it difficult to believe that JG is such a crook, and for so little. I haven't changed my other opinions about him, but I have never considered he would do anything like this. That some of the police assigned to his office could do this I have no doubt. I might guess who the pinball operator is (Ochipinti, approx), and they can make that look good even if it isn't. I'm typing this while a reporter is checking to see what has come in to this moment. Of course, I'd appreciate copies of any and all clippings, of whatever source, if they have any suggestion of differences in reporting.

The story that was given out is that they had the bagman working for them, had him wired for sound, and they photographed the entire thing. Rather than the early reports of up to \$1500 monthly it was said to be up to \$6,000, until the FBI picked up many of the machines.

My friend had no notes. He did not cover and the reporter who did was not near his notes at the time my friend spoke to him.

Offhand, I have several questions, without giving this any real thought. If they had enough on the bagman to have him working for them, is it impossible that they got him to rig it to entrap or frame? And did Garrison know the source of the money? When they say they have Garrison discussing this on a phone they had tapped, I have trouble with that because he is by far the most paranoid person I know about bugging. The only way that could have happened is if he picked out a different phone in advance and the bagman told them which pay phone to tap. Paranoid as he was, Garrison also spoke freely, or what for him was freely, on the NOAC phones, which is crazy as it can be. They were easier to tap than those in his office.

Bruno is interesting and, I think, trustworthy. It casts Connally in a slightly different role in the arrangements than Connally had. I do not suggest that this need be sinister, but I also think it interesting and I'd appreciate the next instalment if it is on the same material...Medical World News did contain a few new quotes, glad to have it. Hurriedly,

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