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Dear Ed,

Glad to have the enclosures with and opinions in your 8/9.

I was unaware of the LeCron quote. I have the Maltz but have not read it. "Il has.

Gervais: Part of book completed. Too many interruptions now for more than occasional pieces. Howard is here for a while, someone else coming tomorrow, in DC today, etc. There should be more than a book init and I did have the kind of file to which you refer because I have seen this possibility since 4/28/67 and to the degree possible was collecting for it.

Mafia-CIA: traditional in all lands. The question is has it developed further, in new or different ways, etc. There must have been some with dope and SEAsia.

Kaiser was right as far as he went on hypnosis, but he and Diamond lacked the courage to go where they should have. Reminds me, someone has borrowed The Billiken Courier and a friend wants to read it. I don't remember who has it, who wrote it or who the publisher (although I think Ballantine). Do you recall? I'm wondering if any copies remain.

The Smith Conspiracy was pretty good on this approach. There are two new conspiracy novels out or to be out. I ~~have~~ have advance, paperback ABA copies of The Wilby Conspiracy and something the name of which I do not recall that Harpers is doing.

Your comments on the Ray family are accurate. You err in attributing my expenditure of time to them. Think about it. I now believe that Ray has little knowledge. What he does have and is not giving is leads.

I don't want to argue MI. I agree it is not a moneymaker. But you go too far the other way and do not consider the role in which I have had to cast myself. We have had perhaps 3-500 orders for it from no more than the Library of Congress listing and the mention in France-Up. We got another yesterday. This does not mean the thing didn't have to be put together. I think it did. On A-O, the commercial prospects should be a little better, but again there is need to do it regardless of whether it can be commercially successful.

On the other stuff, you are correct and I have been aware of it. It covers a wider area than you can imagine. I have sublet, so to speak, one to Walter's wife, and she will be here this coming weekend on it. Another to a black writer who flipped and then fell silent. He read the file, sees the book as I do, and I haven't the slightest idea where he is what he is up to, ~~or~~ as it may turn out, who he is. However, such things have not been out of my mind. I am not a Trumbo, have other things I feel I must do, so I have been seeking collaborators. A friend with a large house is to come here with that in mind. Same situation was true a year ago with another. I think there is little doubt several could make movies. They do not have the taint of this subject. I am loaded with literary materials and rights. I am not unaware of it.

Saw credit on videotape content of Channel 5's 10 p.m. news Saturday night to Steve hence assumed something like you report. Told Jerry Sunday. I take it Cape has earned his proper reward....Didn't know Lane was here. Saw nothing in papers....Madn't even heard of Strange Peaches, but the author hit two of the better subjects.

I guess it is beautiful everywhere now. My grass is two weeks high and we've not yet been in the pool. We had a sudden change in the weather, near-frost nights, and haven't even brought the fans up or turned the air conditioners on. However, a storm front went thru tonight and I think that will bring heat. Flowers have been lovely, tress delight, everything except state of world and out personal situation great.

Glad to get anything you see on Gervais. Hope you can remember to identify and date sources. There will be much more on that. There was to have been a hearing yesterday. I've heard nothing. It is getting to the hairy part now. My original hunch is that they were going to try to pin a perjury rap on him. I think they'll no have something more serious and may have another turn state's evidence to nail him. I expect a couple more likely will switch rather than fight.

Our best,

6/9/72

Dear Harold,  
Your analysis  
of "The Garrison Affair"  
was prophetic.

McGovern is the  
best candidate money  
can buy.

A lot of recent data  
indicates a close re-  
lationship between the  
Magis and CIA elements.  
See Peter Dale Scott's  
The War Conspiracy.

Even a superficial  
reading on the literature  
of hypnosis tends to  
substantiate Kaiser's  
R.F.K. Must Die.

Perhaps, you are  
wasting your valuable  
time on the Ray family.  
Their motivation seems  
completely self-serving  
and James Earl Ray is  
unlikely to provide - if  
he indeed possesses - any  
important data.  
I do not see P.M.

or A.O. as viable commercial  
properties but stuff  
like the tapes is a  
different story. As a  
total N.P., Harold's files  
probably contain best  
kellers in embryo! The  
problem is their form  
or framework. A Journalist  
of The Bill Turner school  
would remark out books  
from such a tick book.  
The average book is  
produced this way. Such  
is publishing - - - -

Kame is with D.C.  
Shaw. Lane was in  
Washington as a lawyer  
for an Anti-War Group.  
Strange Peoples, a novel  
by Edwin Shrike, contains  
a caustically hilarious  
parody of assassination  
"Sussex", Harrison Jones and  
Norman Feldman - hilarious  
to all but Jones Harris and  
Harold Feldman.

It's beautiful Rose  
now.

What's new?

Give him our best. Take  
care of yourself.

Sincerely,

