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Dear Dave,

Your letter dates 1/31 but mailed the 3rd came today, a broken-up one. I am expecting some calls that can break it up more.

On a black college, there is WEAA, Morgan State, in the Baltimore area. It has a good FM signal here so I presume it does get around. This is the college that made Agnew vice president - because he was racist with it when he was the accidental governor. WHUR is the FM station of Howard University, in Washington.

On McKinley I guess the main thing is exceeding fair use in his thievery. A pattern of such thievery would, I suppose, also be helpful. Jim can say better and we have not had a chance to talk about it. Dishonesty of treatment of both subject and me. The sycophancy. Whether or not this is scholarship, etc. The lifting of large hunks on Lincoln bears on pattern, as does the persistence in the presence that what we used did not come from him and was from Ray to Playboy - even after I warned them on this.

What helps young people with this enormous mass is people like you - and a proper organization of it. I had a brief conversation about this with Dr. Virginia Lewis, head of Heed's history department. Dr. Jerry McAnight, on her faculty, was there and is the you at Heed. They are both fine people, not just fine professionals. Virginia will be retiring in a couple of years.

Virginia will be engaging in some local explorations.

Microfilming sounds fine. You bracket this with what pleases me much, that the students from Nigeria and Liberia are turned on to my approach and want tapes sent to their countries. (These poor people - in your climate!)

On Jim's legal work: there is a reducing xerox that converts a legal-sized page into conventional letter-size. That is much less work and cost. But on this he is the best judge. I'll give him copies of these letters.

You know it really is gratifying to get this reaction from your students, that even those in the communications school were reached and favorably influenced. While it is satisfying that this related to subject and content, I think perhaps some of it may linger in wider applicability in their lives.

I do love it that since that week "all the black students on campus hail me and talk me and consider me rightly cut in." I hope some of this gets back to the administration that I dare say does not often here anything like this of white profs.

Before I get to other things in response to an old FOIA request I'm not taking time to check I received this from the CIA today, a total of 238 pages:

Communist control Techniques; Hypnosis in intelligence; Hypnosis in Interrogation; Magic and How to Recognize it; Alcohol: A Practical Look at Social and Business Drinking; "Truth Drugs" in Interrogation; and Introduction to Autogenic Training.

In this connection, remember I have the CIA's Olsen papers and pages of its Inspector General's Report on that monstrous thing - and a one-time participant as source.

I have no idea when I'll be able to even look at these pages. But what I've been look at is, really, unprecedented, more fantastic than anything I've indicated for use of law students, etc.

In fact before the expected calls come I'd best write him.

Thanks and best to you all,

Sincerely,

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Dear Harold:

I will do whatever you think ought to be done regards the Harper & Row manuscripts as regards me. The reading of it for errors and irregularities as might be suggested I would do. If it includes the whole range of articles the Playboy group ran on assassinations this would include Lincoln's as well. I wrote my thesis on Lincoln's background, grew up on the Lincoln Eighth Judicial Circuit, and studied at the finest Lincoln library in America, at Urbana and the Carl Sandburg collection. The Playboy article on Lincoln is lifted in large part and the more sophisticated historians will rip it apart in seminars for its a fake and with that done will assume JFK and MLK are as specious . . . It is bad news no matter what one ~~xx~~ does with the thing.

Your remarks on the western library and Hood struck me as rightly ordered as well as your comments about Les Payne seeking support for the expansion of depository materials.

Several restrictive thoughts flee across my mind however when I try to visualize the concrete. First, librarians are not scholars, collectors are neither. Second, how will young people jump into the midst of this pile or stack of documents without some guidance or some orientation toward the subject. Third, it all needs collation. as your thoughts are correct it is national.

This fall I will teach, I think it would go through, a seminar for graduate students on the JFK assassination and quite possibly something might be worked out for Hood and others in the line of assisting, or shoe horning a good student or fair students into the world of Washington, D. C. or working out a week end or two with you, they staying at Hood and taking an orientation course on the Library of Congress from the staff there. I do not know I just through- throw it out as the possible.

I spend much time talking with the staff of the University at every level building up a stock of orientated persons and understanding at every level. My intent is to approach the question of documents with the possibility of microfilming them with our cameras here ~~xxx~~ and leaving the bulky original in Archives here while distributing the rest to the whole world and colleges everywhere in the US., making even the rental or loan of a microfilm machine possible. A printed descriptive brochure would be got up and mailed everywhere reasonable with adequate guidance to appropriate reels of film, suggested theses etc. This would give us a universal appeal. Several African students here--Nigeria and Liberia --are really turned on to your ~~xx~~ approach and wish the TV tapes and cassettes sent to Africa! Is that not interesting. Microfilming will make ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ extended use possible.

At the same time I am working with the funding the University has set aside for really queer projects and eccentric habits and will be able to pry out some of it for specially designated work. Thus I intend to start some one typing up a black-black carbon copy of JHL and your legal cases in conventional size toward the end of reproducing 250-500 copies to be distributed to law centers and research libraries everywhere, (possibly sales and what not you would want to eventually comment upon) Thus by this series, which I envisage as 20-30 volumes

in JFK series and MLK series. They will unfortunately be without legal analyses for this is beyond by limited abilities but will have table of contents and a letter or two or paragraph or two from you or Jim or Me which I can get up through tape cassettes with you or him. If this can be worked out which I am sure some few can immediately (one by summer two by fall) Les Payne might be ~~if~~ interested in ~~;~~ helping suggest ways to distribute it. More concrete information next week when the wounded Dean of the Library comes back to fight again.

At the ~~same~~ time I have found a way to have tapes transcribed by our University. I have mentioned some of the things that intrigue me from time to time and you seem to have tapes on them or almost all of them (which really astounds me) In the early summer I shall be out to visit you and talk this over in some detail, ~~xxx~~ but ~~this~~ ~~xxx~~ transcription element can be expanded I do think with little trouble.

I might add that it might be possible for persons you or Les might know to use the television and photo studios here to work up documentaries on the JFK ~~xxx~~ Such as the autopsy. The fellows who run the video end of the campus are sound and eager to follow up your work, they spent so much time taping it, editing it, working over rough video spots in it as is normal in this type of ~~xxx~~ project to make all color the same etc, that they have all been ~~xxxxx~~ converted to your way of thinking. Isn't it an odd fact to learn? For kids in out of way spots and at little funded colleges the work could be done through correspondance, telephone etc. This all would have to be threshed out more thoroughly, but responsible direction in coordination with sane heads is a must.

Finally I am searching for black public radio stations and places to send the tapes to for airing, hoping to build it up regionally rather than try for the limited time available over NPR. Do you think Les Payne would give you ~~the~~ ~~xxx~~ suggestions on this one? I would really appreciate help.

adios

dave

p.s. got the material you ~~xx~~ sent. All the black students on campus hail me and talk me and considered me rightly cut in since Nov 9-13.

Hasn't been above 30 degrees here since December 1.