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Dear Harold,

You're right about the "McNabb" fellow coming on to the young women, although apparently it only got as far as taking them to dinner and intriguing them.

He gave them a message to send to Nagell, and gave them Nagell's prisoner number at Leavenworth. The prisoner number impressed me since virtually nobody knew he was in Leavenworth, let alone his number.

Vince's son is a sad case. Vince and Livy broke up primarily because of the fact that Vince felt Ernie had a drug problem and needed treatment and Livy wasn't into pushing it. I'm sure there were other reasons, but that was a major one. Vince and Livy both had a warm relationship with Ernie from all appearances, but this is probably a case of the drugs actually screwing the kid up. Since he committed that murder he's been in and out of treatment and a minimum security prison. The Ernie I knew was a nice kid, even Tempered and low key. He was adopted. Livy had a thyroid tumor that damn near killed her and then she became unable to have kids.

Sorry to hear about Mary's family. There sounded like there could be real problems with Buck's drinking and general health some time ago.

Speaking of Texas, have you ever heard from Penn Jones?

I've heard that he married a much younger woman and has retired and isn't in great shape. He too drank a lot.

The last I saw big Jim Garrison he was playing a cameo role as a judge in the movie "The Big Easy."

Both You and Sylvia Meagher, early in the game, made it clear that Jim didn't need much of anybody to lead him down the wrong pathway...he'd do it himself. I'll never forget that visit there when we met...Mark Lane showing up in Garrison's office several hours late, wearing what appeared to be a pajama top...my Kroman, Nagell, McNabb stuff disappearing from the safe within 24 hrs. Mark actually had a lot to do with convincing big Jim that he was on the right track...when Mark spoke in Mpls. in the late 1960's he told me that "Garrison has them...he's caught them." Imagine my surprise when I found out the whole case dependent on Oswald being a shooter, or at least carrying the rifle in.

I wonder what ever became of Steve Jaffe, Steve Burton, and that whole crew?

By the way, I did write to Jerry Policoff, but have never



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heard from him. That's been a big disappointment. I last heard from him just before my wedding in 1983 when he was due out here with his latest flame. The night before I even left a "welcome packet" at his motel. He never came and I never heard from him. I assumed that he was embarrassed, originally, about not having made it after all of those phone calls, but I did expect to hear from him at some time.

He was a genuinely nice guy. I don't know if you ever hear from him anymore. I thought Sylvia's death might lead to some reconnection.

As for Vince and the case, Vince has remarried a young and wealthy woman who seems very nice. Between his family stuff and changing times I've gotten the feeling that he's no longer living the same sort of lifestyle. In the old days people would come by to talk about not only the assassination but about all kinds of political things...his kitchen was a local community hub of activity and talk. Ironically, I picked up a book called THE UNICORN'S SECRET about a 60's radical in the Phila. named Ira Einhorn who I met through Vince. In the late 1970's his girlfriend disappeared, and 2 years later her mummified body was found in a trunk on his porch. He claimed it was a CIA setup. During his murder trial he fled the country and he's been a fugitive ever since. He was one of the many colorful characters in the left-wing political scene who would drop by Vince's.

I just heard from my parents that my dad's angioplasty (balloon used to press down blockage in arteries) didn't work and he's going to have a bypass on Monday/Tuesday 27/28 of May. It's not good news, but hopefully he'll come through it OK. His athletics are very important to him and hopefully he'll be able to resume them. He's going to be 76 in August and is otherwise quite fit--the problem was discovered by accident during a routine physical.

Give my best to Lil.

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