

I send a copy of this Anderson column to the your papers early if because it takes up a bit less space than usual, indicating cuts, because I believe it and think it important, and on the chance your papers cut it. You are aware of my interest in who is paying the legal bills, as recently as day-b fore-yesterday's long letter to Larry. I suppose most had assumed they'd be taken care of. However, paying the bills is something quite different than which lawyers are selected, and in this case more than established competence is involved. There is too much of a parallel in pro-intelligence pasts to consider it merely coincidence. My hunch is that there may well be a second reluctant one, Hunt, who is experienced enough on a higher level to know that he can drive a harder bargain than any of the others unless his lawyer controls him, he can blow the whole thing as none of the others can and pin it on the Dirtydickers, personally, more than Larry. There is another factor Anderson ignores. While there is much merit in pro-dealing, in terms of the length of sentence, there is a big liability in going to jail when you are younger for this can be stalled for years, with the defendants free all the time, and those paying the bills will have to go along with it because they require the silence of the defendants, who are really their proxies. This also represents the kind of thing I had in mind in saying the Bitman-Sirica move on the LALINES tapes was legally premature. HW 12/26/72