

Dear Jim,

Often in the past I have had to make a choice between sacrificing literary and other rights and what seems to be the necessary course of action. I believe this time has come with regard to my Minuteman material and the case of The Detroit 13. However, because I have agreed to share this and related materials with you for The Informers, I will agree without knowing what it will be to your decision on what I have in mind.

From the story in this morning's Post, I think we, and I am willing for it to be you, should get in touch with Gerald DeFcourt and ask him to meet with us when he is in Washington or, as an alternative, have someone he trusts meet with us. We can then go over our belief and give him a copy of what you have a copy of. If he wants, he can examine and copy and have examined and copied all of this file. Their stuff on explosives and related literature may or may not be relevant.

In case you have forgotten, I gave all of this to the FBI. I presumed they already had it but I felt in case they didn't, or in case they did not have some, I should do this. There is relevance in this because of the judge's order. If this is the same guy or even can be, they would seem to be required to disclose it under the order. Therefore, I attribute more than the immediately obvious importance to this material.

I also presume that DeFcourt is getting official attention, perhaps more now. I would not assume the feds are doing it themselves, but I would assume they are having it done. How you get in touch, if you agree, you decide. I think a simple, uninformative letter would be enough.

I gathered from your last call that you have some materials you think you should not mail. I also remember Bud asking as you did when I would be in DC next. I have no immediate plans and the costs are for us, now, prohibitive. However, because I assume you each have serious purposes, I am willing, but I'd rather use that day as fully as possible. There is one thing I want to do when I am there and I think Bud can make the arrangements without difficulty. I want to speak to the Bervin staffer who handles the record or relations with the press and see if I can get a few things from them. I would also be willing to stay down after the end of the normal working day if you and/or Bud desire. This would add a cab to the cost but would make more efficient use of the time. Unless it is a Thursday, when Lil doesn't have to go to her office.

I was helping a reporter on the Gaudet/N.O. threats story. He reports that my instant analysis is completely correct. His is a pro-Nixon sheet, so they have killed the story. There never was a Gaudet or a black militant case, he says, after speaking to those with whom I put him in touch and with the police and Secret Service. I have gone over all the clips you sent on this (thanks much) and on the Garrison trial. I rather suspect Garrison and his to-flight talent are going to flub this badly, but it would still seem that there should be a good chance for his acquittal. His sick ego and his refusal of help from me may be the difference. I am confident I have enough to get the case tossed out, even ~~from~~ by Christenberry. I approached Garrison through his people, repeatedly, Bailey directly and through Alch, who responded to my letter. I spoke to Bailey and a young assistant named Smith last June, in Washington. I was to have heard from Kadish (?) the next week and there has been total silence. These are the kinds of experiences that cause me to detach myself more and more, specifically and generally.

For the book I am writing, instead of asking you to return the relevant files, as you have forgotten, I think it will be enough if you give me about a paragraph in summary on each of the cases I mentioned. My interest is in direct FBI participation in violence through its informers/provocateurs. These are the Camden, Seattle and Berrigan cases, with a brief account of the travail of Leslie Bacon, and the Mafia bombing case directed by the Arizona (New Mexico?) FBI agent personally. All the rest of what I'll need I have now. And I am keeping new clips as I get them for you. Forgot to give you those I have when you and Bud were here...if Bud picks a day, I think it might be better if I began on the ill, which would free me from the time I finish there. Best,