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Later 7/15: Working company not yet here. I've skimmed the clips and they may be quite important. If you know, could Nicholas Chriss have been in LA at work when the story broke and have gotten to N.O., learned enough and have filed his 7/2 story in time to get printed? There is, of course, the chance that he phoned a date-line and rewrote wire copy of what he got by phone (which includes what is not in other stories), but if he was there in advance on a tip, the point could be important legally. Did you notice that Soule had been vice-squad and captain until transfer to JG, then was replaced by a sergeant while doing the work of a private—and all of this when the IRS investigation had just begun or had been on for a while? I knew spring 1968. Gervais became informant 6/69, yet he describes the investigation as of but a year's length. Other inconsistencies for which I do not have time, like marking only half of the last \$2,000, none that went to Frey and Soule—and when there was much more time for that, it not having been delivered for more than a half-day after the marked \$1,000 to J.G. Gets more fascinating. Sande was born S.D., middle name Harold (Wash Post morgue). First professional race, incidently, N.O., 1918...Note from Hal—has yet to hear from the changed Eason... In all the stories you sent, there was but a single dupe, so I had little... If there is wire copy showing that Mitchell made first announcement, released aff's first, could be important. Some could not have been drafted until late night 6/69, after delivery to J.G., which was followed by taking Gervais to where he was searched, and he didn't leave JG's until 8:45 p.m. N.O. time.... The set of aff's mailed to me from DC originated in N.O. As I said, apparently intercepted, though mailed by media man, from his home (and discussed with me by phone), where collections are infrequent. Best, HW