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12/29/72 Add on VVAW/Larry Turner. Hope my comments did not seem arrogant. This, in general, is one of the great weaknesses of even the peoples' lawyers today. There are only extremes, Garrison on the other end. (He was afraid to get his hernia tended to because he really believed the feds would fix the surgeon- he told me so himself- and when he finally had to have it done, had it done in a small clinic that had been emptied with his own staff on guard around the clock.) Hal will tell you that save when he was here, he never saw me with my attache case out of my personal possession. When my luggage was intercepted, they got little. My case is always full (weighting 35 lbs that way!). I put other papers in my luggage, like receipts, etc. Whoever intercepted even took extra papers of matches from it, and receipts. I can recall but twice when I left the case. Once at the Fontainebleau in N.O. when I took that strange chick to a very early breakfast, as soon as the dining room opened (She'd pulled in about 5 a.m.!) and when I thought of this then and returned to the room, I found what I never owned and never saw in Garrison's office, 16mm slide holders or something like that, in metal, and one of the two latches broken on the then-new case. I never knew anyone in Garrison's office, the only other place my bag was unattended to then, to use 16 mm. The other place was when I was in Dallas 11/71. I sometimes left my bag at Mary's, carrying camera and good old TC40 and notebook only. But at her place her boys were coming and going unpredictably and there was never any indicate of its being touched. I walked in Dallas, and carrying 35 unnecessary lbs at 58= was a bit too much! The lack of understanding of these kinds of thing is permeating. Even so experienced a man as kunstler never saw possibilities in his Rap Brown cases, and no mutual friend would talk to him....The blacks I know never

learned before or after Attica. Note that now the living victims are again victimized, needlessly. It is all very tragic. But only after you've made the kind of effort I have over the years can you realize that the time has to come when you have to stop. We can none of us, when "they" have the incentive, eliminate all possibilities, and I know my home has been entered. There may be a bug or bugs (I haven't looked and won't). My Concord tape recorder orders have been left in a mode in which I never use them, voice activate. But the simple things you'd think anyone, like Turner didn't, would know, it is always a bit disillusioning to see they don't....The best of us, if I qualify, also make foolish mistakes. I remember once just before we moved here getting what I immediately spotted as a fake credit investigation call. I covered the phone and asked Lil to check the company whose name was given in the yellow pages, but forgot to turn the tape recorder on! When I learned there was no such, I blew his mind and he blew his cool, and I could have had it all on tape and muffed it. We haven't bought anything on credit since before we began to farm, approx 1948, so a 1966 check "to bring our records up to date", is an obvious phoney. But who would dream that there is a family that never uses credit? So, the fink made a natural mistake and I made what in retrospect I have to admit is an unnatural one....One can be too afraid. I learned how to defeat the bugs of that day from the FBI agents with whom I worked for four months in 1937 and I presume the basic principle still obtain and I use them the rare cases I think it wise. But I've also stayed in the home of a man I knew ~~was~~ an FBI informant. ~~Don't~~ fear, etc. HW

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