

1/25/71

Dear Jim,

Thanks for your 1/21 and enclosures. Cute postage scale and good letter opener. I'd missed the Dealune (Jules) death but was aware of that of Henry, which remains clouded to me. But in N.O., there is and can be expected to be a higher rate of crime of sex-passion origin, and with one like that I always wonder.

The item on the Birmingham gun "collector" with his 30 tons is of interest aside from what you marked, about Aero-Marine. I doubt the sheriff's opinion this stuff was intended for leftist revolutionaries, think it was more likely for the extreme of the right and could have been intended for revanchist Cubans. Also, there was a time when I considered doing a book "Bomb Baby Bomb". In any event, I'm collecting a file on such things, have some on the Thoresens, for example, and much Minuteman material now loaned to the FBI. I have some catalogues, am in touch with some lit purveyors.

The part of the Bonsal letter is of great interest where you marked it, in making the link I imputed between CFC, which is and was CIA, and LAR, which has to be. I presume you recall this from the first part of COUP (PH can provide copies and his xeroxing is at lower cost than any of which I'm aware.) However, again I have another interest, the Bonsal disagreement with policy under Eisenhower. One part of TIGER that has been written for some years has to do with the exceptional thing of breaking relations at the end of a regime, denying the decision and the policy-making to the successor regime. When these policy changes were opposed by the ambassador, they assume even greater significance.

Glad to get Tom's address, but I think that the least secure means of reaching Hal. If you have no objections, where there is no haste, I'll send to you, you can read if there is interest, etc. No need to react. I'll ask if there is something I want. Eervin has not responded and I now expect no response. He's retracted horns. Nor has Army responded. If I had time, I'd get their response by going to court, and I may use this in court anyway, as part of federal history re FOI, 5 USC 552.

Interesting note on Horvath. Could have been father. Rusk's attitude was fixed by the time he joined Stilwell, according to Castorr. Think I have and read "Thunder". Your analysis on Mao is further supported by his open fight with Moscow on who makes the revolution, more by his being correct on the farmers vs the non-existent proletarians. ...Boat: got more from AP A wire south from friends. May be different boat of same name and description. Strange incident....Had not seen add for de Vosjoli's book. I'd like to read sometime but will probably await remaindering or reprinting. That is not his right name, by the way...Re letter of yesterday: I think it unlikely I'll get around to doing anything more with CPUP in the predictable future, but I may use omitted parts in other writing where relevant or illustrative....Not necessary to return any notes unless so indicated. I assume that either you may be interested or that Hal might be...Pants will ask Lil tonight. I hope she'll get at least another, for she likes them, the older style with the legs less Ivy Leagueish more. Our situation is short of deparate for the next couple of months because she works through 4/15, and if the rate is low it is much better than 0...Fact is I haven't swung a "mean" shovel since 1939 back injury, and have come to the age where I recongize the need to take such exercise slowly. Snow again last night but doesn't require shovelling...I feel these early hours now required again and may try and resport to midday nap. I can't pace myself and do this legal work and I must again, as soon as possible, return to writing, with an occasional new suit filed when appropriate to writing and material is fresh in mind.

Thanks for everything and best to you both,

Sincer ly,