

Dear Jim,

2/1/74

Godd news and bad news yesterday. Hope no adverse influence on typing! Sorry about the typos and the haste and never catching up, meaning more haste. Stacks and stacks of papers to be gone over and filed.

I was almost through the short memo on the White decision when Mayward nephew phoned for the first time in months with the nonchalant announcements that he had been busted again, this time on a contributing charge involving one in particular of three girls, and his innocence of charge, which is impossible because of their age, his car and his knowledge of the previous convictions on this charge of his companions. He phoned from Montgomery County Detention Center a little after lunch. Now I am more concerned about the reactions of his mother, who adopted him to give him a better prospect in life, and Lil, whose sister she is. Of course my inability to help him put his head together is uncomfortable. I help him when he gets into innocent trouble and do the right thing when it is serious trouble, where he is always hanger-on, never leader. The causes are emotional. He is no a bad boy.

Once when he was in such straits, behind his back I had a stipulation attached to his getting off that he put himself in the hands of a shrink. Lil, expecting magic, blames failure on shrink.

What may interest you in all of this is how he has stayed out of jail when he was involved in some auto-lot ripoffs. I took him to the cops, they said there were no charges against him, so he made full confession, assured he would not be hurt. They then double-crossed him and placed charges. But when I protested, they said they would go lightly on him, a promise they promptly broke in the most prejudicial manner, deliberately. Meanwhile, I had engaged in several conversations with these detectives and it turned out that one had taken CIA training. He is one of those who got the illegal police training.

How address a deliberate cop doublecross under oath?

Fortunately, I had ways of establishing that I was there by what happened and of the conversations with the dicks from what they told me, including what records would establish, the taking of this CIA training. Including study of the Zapruder film! So I wrote the lawyer for whom I had also arranged that if the cops persisted I would pull the CIA plug. He did not respond but the long lapse of time leaves no doubt this worked. It also leaves little doubt that the vengeful have been looking for something on kid. I see no way around it this time, even if I am certain this kid, who is even against drinking, his father having been a (reformed) alcoholic, had nothing to do with giving any drug.

This is the bad part.

I decided that the thing to do was go out and get some exercise, getting wood for the fireplace. I was busy chopping away with the machete when I was called. A local prof, rather a prof at a local conservative girl's college just switching to co-ed, was here. We had spoken earlier. He is giving, of all things for so conservative a college, a course in political assassinations! (He lives near Univ. Md.)

He has a student who has volunteered to do some work for me. How much time she will have and how great her interest I do not yet know, not having met her. We had discussed this and I had proposed two projects, consolidating the excellent card indexes Lil has prepared on all my published work, including xerox editions, and indexing some 2,000 pages of declassified WC documents I have not yet had a chance to read. If she does this, I'll have rather fast access to what is not easily accessible or not accessible at all.

This means that somehow I'll have to get a fairly large file cabinet for 3x5 cards and then find a convenient place to keep it. Aside from these indexes, which are probably more extensive, I have at least 5,000 cards on my files. Beginning about summer 1968 I started carding all significant documents and have a separate list of those I acquired after that date, with cards on all names in them. Retrieval of earlier stuff impossible, however. However, most of earlier can be found through writing. So, there is a chance of having and leaving a better index to what is here.

Coinciding with this is some scholarly interest. The Wisconsin Historical Association has expressed archival interest. Problem not interest but financing. My terms are the making of the continuing of the work possible. Rather indefinite but the only possible. You are probably aware of other initiatives along this line. No word from Sherrill, who was to have been in touch on behalf of Wolfson several months ago.

I find I did not file your 1/10 and my 1/14 response. In rereading I wonder if it is because of Caddy/Bennett of personal note about our friend Bernie and his unreported escapades, if these were unclear to you. You have not commented on them. Caddy: our looksee shows his and Hunt's connection with handler Korean Park's D.C. investments. Have not come to missing papers yet. Bernie et al have a handle because they did not go where they had not been sent and they had gone where good boys would not have. Best,

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