

Dear Jim,

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Your judgement was correct on what you sent to Dave. What you describe as my "lectures" to Hoch, Policoff and Jerry Ray others may find other words for but there should be no censorship and my work and my opinions, even very hasty ones, ought be subject to any kind of critical examination.

If you have not heard from Dave by the time you get this I suppose it is because he has more time for being a parent when he is not in college. He spoke to me a few days ago. He had a couple of questions and he was a little concerned about what we might call diplomacy. I suggested he raise them with you because I am certain there is no problem. I don't want to appear to be making a mystery for there is none but he can do it much better than I.

I know there was one trip to take the kids to Minneapolis, I think, to the zoo there.

Now that you are working the thing out do you want to consider a ~~clip~~ cook book, "Cooking for One in Chinese"? You make it sound like great fun.

The Mongolian barbecue, where each does his own thing, must be real fun with congenial people. You say you had a special grill made years ago. It must be large for any amount of independent cooking.

In a way it may be something like the Latin American asado of years past if not of the age of women's lib. The men use to do that, all outside, and it became a social event. Although I have no independent recollection I am certain not many Latin men could get together and gree on even the seasoning.

The Chronicle story on the pix and sketches the assassins committee turned out and the treatment are good to have. The attention around here was extensive on TV and scant in print press. In this case the print press judgement was good. It is a cheap publicity stunt to attract attention to the coming hearings. So was the leak to the Times, of which you sent their wire story as it appeared out there.

That story, around a shady type named Byers, came straight from the FBI. It appears to be relevant to nothing. Byers was in the corridor the same day as John Ray's second appeared in the star chamber.

It has not been too hot for ^July and August lately and we've been making out okay. The area is in its ninth day of rain and we are having our first good shower for more than nine days. The earth has been hard, slippery under leather soles. Lil, who is tired after putting up some squash, went to bed to take in British drama. She expressed the hope that it would rain this way all night. Amen. We have trees dropping leaves. While I like this weather when it is not too hot and sticky better than bitter cold, right now I look forward to the end of the chigger season. I've been staying away from their habitats but they find me - and I don't dare scratch through these expensive supports that take so long to get replaced. Related to your comment about the weather letting us enjoy the place, for the past several days we've had a special delight, a hummingbird that lingers. It has taken a fancy to the tiger lilies, which are loaded with bloom. It does not fly away when it sees us, either. But then the deer that walked up to outside the bedroom window to eat the tops off of Lil's eggplants wasn't afraid, either. Lil was watching it rhoug those large windows.

We've been lucky on the garden produce, having had to give almost all gardening up. A college professor friend threw himself into his gardening so lustily--and successfully--that they can't even can and freeze all of it. Our city guests have been pleased, too.

We've become vistual vegetarians.

Thanks for the clips. When they are no problem for you they can have immediate and future value. Best,

JDW--

After I wrote you last night, after I'd gone to bed, Les Payne called me from his Texas vacation during which he has been working hard to let me know a story he'd ~~be~~ been working on and involving me is about to break under FBI/House assassins news management conditions. (My interpretation)

In April I spotted a travelling companion of Jerry Ray's as a certain informer. There was nothing else that made sense. I tried without success to alert Jerry. He paid no heed even though his sister, brother John and brother-in-law agreed with me.

The man's right name is Oliver Patterson. He offered to do me some favors and because they were real favors and because the best thing to do with such types is be in a position to have contact and knowledge, I was happy to accept. Like he got me 100 TDK cassettes for about 75% less than the local cost.

By means not necessary to take time for Les got proof that this character was an informer. I'd suspected only of the ^Hpusse assassins. When Les learned that it began not later than 1971 then of course it became clear that he was FBI, now both or turned over to the assassins by the FBI. I have a previous case of this.

Now I am suing the FBI, intensively on the subject on which he informs. So the FBI informer comes to my home, under cover of driving Jerry here. He insists on taking pictures of Lil and me with Jerry, and he turns out to be a competent photographer. I have prints. Etc. Very improper going back to the Ray legal situation of 1971, which involves both JL and me.

Apparently by means of a tap, which would most likely be on Lane's phone, mine or both, the word that ^{es} was working on the story and was about to break it got out. Les' info. is that this matter has received attention to the AG himself. They would have staged a press conference yesterday if the ^Pope had not died. It is for today, in St. Louis, with the assassins' chief counsel Blakey handling it in the background. In t'is they'll be able to control the play. Especially because they have leaked to NYTimes, Horrock.

I've been monitoring the early a.m. news. ⁴⁴No mention in 1:15¹¹, including net news. So I guess the story is not on the wire.

Aside my a memo to self in this my purpose is to ask that if the story gets any real attention you please see if you can get wire stories and if no sweat wire copy. It may well hold what I have no knowledge of. I have much interest in story and more in any effort to convert it into a defamation. I discussed with JL and he thinks it likely the matter will be topical when we are in court on this case a week from today.

Hastily,

