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Dear Js,

With my mind taken by the Garrison arrest, a stack of mail and company coming for the weekend, I've laid writing aside to catch up on the accumulation. I've gone over the clippings on foundation, copied the page of special interest, and return them herewith. I have a large file on this but mislaid it in moving here. Thanks. Re: Amsterdam News, I didn't know of Jones' King connection, and they've expressed no interest since, but they are the only black publication to report my 5/4 press conference in NYC. They gave it 1:1, above fold, pretty good.

Recent word from Memphis indicates that all copies of FRAME-UP disappeared in three days and orders placed since then not filled. The reporter who told me this two days ago presumes all possible were bought up by DA's office, which is a pretty broad hint to bookstores.

Glad something was of interest to the Mosochist-In-Residence in those clips. Lil is still going over the papers for me. I've not even read what is coming out on The Pentagon Papers, filing them in case I have future use, which I doubt. Although other things brought the decision about, this also would have persuaded me to limit TIGER TO RIDE, which I've also begun writing.

I am glad that you are not considering it necessary to respond to everything. I sned you much FYI only. There was no rush in giving to Hal. Where I did t is it was because I had insufficient copies.

The Spny info is helpful. I'll forget the battery pack, and if the rechargeables will last as long as the throw-aways, I'll get them when I go away again. Meanwhile, I'm using it on the battery eliminator, and it works fine. There is a Lafayette place, no Radio Shack, not far away, and I think I'll take your advice by seeing if they can supply the plug. It is your caution about the length that kept me from wasting time to try doing this myself, but there is no rush. I also find that in sound recording from TV the built-in mike is pretty clear. And I do have a charger. It is old but it works. The earlier versions of these batteries lasted less than half as long as the regulars. Thanks for the offer of sending the mikes there, but I'll try Lafayette first, and if they have the right kind of plugs, they can perhaps use one of my VOM patchcords, which use the old European plug, to patch that asette machine into the TC40. If they can't, then I'll accept your offer. Thanks.

Lil did a bit too much kicking in the pool several days ago and had a little trouble thereafter, but she is getting along remarkably well. We'll have a better appraisal the 12th, when she sees the orthopaedist again.

I have a friend who will send me (More) and I'll send them to you. No problem. The Chi Journalism Review, which I see but infrequently, is a bit more vigorous. I thought the Loory piece excellent, too. I've alerted Lil to anything special on POWs.

The gangup on Garrison seems to have been well planned. Those things you mention I have or do not need. My own thoughts are clarifying only slightly. I do not think this is isolated, and I think the bracketing with the threat vs the major media is not necessarily accidental. If you have anything at all on Pershing Gervais I'd appreciate copies and if there is any restriction, please specify, because I want it for background a very skeptical reporter whose anti-Garrison paper also has doubts. I have the N.O.Mag piece on his resignation and stealing of the boodle, George Lardner's interview of I think about 3/17 (a Sunday piece on how PG ffamed, either way). I can't picture PE tangling with the mob without unusual pressure. If I can't picture JG consciously taking graft, I can picture him accepting money from any source for his investigation. But if he were going to take graft, he'd not be in hock for his house. When I last heard he owed the \$50,000 he had from the day of purchase several years ago.

That deal took much arranging. I have no doubt of the rest of it. At least one reporter may well have been in on the fed side from a question asked at the court house where Jim's reply may have been a lie that can be used to undermine his credibility in court. The undoubtedly have all his income and expenditures for his special fund, through discovery by Shaw's lawyers. Nothing I see has carried the AP A wire story or stories. UPI's followup says a 113-page affidavit was filed. In it, I think a careful reading will have most of the JG stuff depend on PG's word, with a bit of bugging and tapping at the end only, and with some self-serving words by PG, who was setting it up. He is large enough, by the way, to have carried a relatively large FM set without bulging.

I have nothing on the Bradley suits. When you have all your clips, what will tell me what is involved would be welcome. He was here, I helped him, he promised not to sue Penn Jones or the San Diego Committee, promised to send me stuff on the extremists who set him up, Aydelot and Dennis Mowrer, and then sent nothing. I hear he has also been making noises about suing me. Maybe I'm Doe? But if he does and anyone out there wants to do something about him, I'm the man to do it through, because as he knows, I not only saved him worse than he got but also said, in public and in Calif., that I had no reason to suspect him in any way and that his politics are his own affair. Thus discovery from me could be safer, for others did malign him. He appears to have written something about me, but my source has not responded to a request for it. As a matter of fact, I think he may have a case of malice against some of the others, but actual damage to him can't be great, not with what he has been into.

If the McD's are to go to the Bay area, you will have heard from them by the time you get this because he is due in the office in 8 days. I hope you meet them.

Things look up, your appreciated hope, only in terms of the potential of my work. Not in any other way. I have just prepared an in forma pauperis for the district court and our financial situation is a bit worse. We haven't on hand what we need for this month's bills. If the publisher comes through with another part of the "advance", the last of which was due 5 months ago, we'll skim through this emergency. They promised to send a check yesterday...The Archives has not complied with its promises in court and that may help a bit. I'll be writing them today or tomorrow...For fun: I wrote Helms as director of the CIA at Langley and the letter was returned today, "addressee unknown". I made a state and gave it to the PM for forwarding under cover....If there were any way of reaching the right people on the Times or Post now that Mitchell has threatened them, good things could happen.... I'll probably figure out another approach over the weekend. Our best and our thanks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be 'H. Helms', written in dark ink.