

6/22 We have survived the exceptional rain better than the 3rd-class mail which, as of press time of our local sheet, was under a foot and a half of water, and that was long before the downpour ended. A foot of rain hereabouts is like back to Noah when it comes in a single day.

With ten minutes to lunch, a hasty note.

Have you ever heard of a drug-scene character, Smok[e]y Cantor?

Despite large space to the bugging story, the Post and Times are missing the obvious. I don't think by accident. I could make out a case that ^{the}unt is Frank Bender. My immediate tip on Barker was used but not in a way to make clear that he is the semi-mysterious "Bernie" of Bay Pigs Guatemala training.

And even after the most obvious things were not done and I suggested, Sunday, the day the story broke, they were not assigned until the Feebs had silenced sources. There is much here than hasn't come out. I wonder if the Demos will put the interests of the Establishment as they see ~~it~~ it above their immediate and selfish ones.

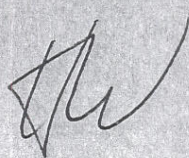
The one Times story I have to date is that of yesterday, in which Tad Sculcz says that ^{the}unt was Bender without saying it. I may get others. If I do, I'll write promptly to save you copying you might otherwise be kind enough to do. Understand the Times today (unseen) identifies the Cuban band as Americas. Post calls Ameretas.

If we go into town this p.m., as I plan, I'll be mailing 3rd class envelope marked A. Current on and off periodically, so if we start, don't know if we can make it. Some of contents, like Buchwalds, duplicates for which you may find some use.

Silence from N.O. despite repeated letters. No clips since 6/2.

Oil and salad call.

Best,



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