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JDW: Several updates and a few comments

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After battling Canadian thistle, polk and milkweed up to five feet high and intertwined fine weeds closely intertwined I'm tired and in keeping with my resolution not to do more than I should will be going to bed a little earlier tonight.

On a hillside, with a pieced together (parts of three!) 20" rotary ~~xxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ it is good exercise and I need that.

My purposes in the enclosed draft of a letter may or may not be apparent. It is to make a condensed record that at some point may, perhaps very soon, be of use. It is relevant now, as I see it (and probably lawyers would not). Rhoads will not answer promptly because too many lawyers have to go over what the man I mentioned drafts for Rhoads to sign. Even in different buildings! Outside that agency. What I say is accurate factually and I believe legally. Also a little absurd, meaning the actuality it recounts.

As soon as JL can find time he will be filing another suit for the remaining portions of withheld executive session transcripts. They have rejected me on appeal but in so doing have tacitly acknowledged what I knew all along, that the Commission did not have the legal rights it took unto itself, ~~and~~ in addition classified improperly, and in one case the CIA itself has downgraded from Top Secret to Confidential and then demanded withholding. I have something special in mind for this one that JL doesn't even know. More than in camera inspection.

If I had waited to cool before writing Lane I might have been more subtle. But I then felt not only that I had to respond by return mail but that it is time to dump a heavy, obvious and pointed load on him. He is completely crazy. He has flown to Calif. for a speech taking Burton on over Burton's unwise statement. The one thing it can accomplish is to freeze Burton. This makes me wonder more about Lane. (Did not learn this until evening.)

I have current USNews. For them it is a good piece. Their first not terrible, too.

Some of the nuts have wangled an invitation before the Church committee for July. I've been asked to join and declined, explaining why in full. I've said I'll appear only if there is an uninspired request and that the committee can't begin to do what it should and now can do less because it is doing so little. I'd like them to do what they are supposed to do.

I have the current Time (anti-)Kennedy CIA/assassinations story but not one I understand is in Newsweek. This makes the game open. In fact, it makes it appear to me that Time is part of the game.

Unpleasant news from the past that may mean nothing to you if you were in China then. Clifford Derr died. We have work from his wife, Virginia, that we're invited to memorial service in DC next month. Cliff was a real newdealer. Virginia is Hugo Black's sister. I was part of her education when she started attending the hearings the committee I worked for held. She wanted me to be the operating head of the anti-poll tax committee in the late 30s. I decided against it because I felt others could do that at least as well. I opted anti-Nazi exposes and the like. Including Dies.

Hoch appears delighted that the 1/22 transcript story made your local front page. (He should see the Cleve. Plain Dealer! The better half of the upper half of the same page, over Mayaguez.) Reports continue to come in of good attention.

If I didn't have this odd assortment of the counterproductives to deal with and worry about I could do more of the same, rather regularly. Might not all get that prominence but it would be legit news. And topical. If I had help I might still do it, more if I had a means of holding a decent press conference. (The USNews story flows from a reporter taking in my NYC press conference.)

If JL's revision of my draft affidavit is accurate, he's to be up with it tomorrow and will file it Friday. He's agreed to a sneaky and atypical afterthought I've had when I had a chance to think of the judge's position and the adversary. Instead of including the enormous documentation possible I've asked him to include none! If this seems to tempt thunder, as perhaps it does, it has some advantages. I'm prepared to stand on it, we are not due in court again until 6/20, and let the judge and the FBI wonder what proofs I have. If they are asked for, will I ever deliver! Among the other advantages is the pointing up of what I'm sure really was perjury.

If I didn't let you know, the Rock. Com. is off and running again in Dallas, again with the FBI, this time again on the pix and Ruby's strippers added. I hope they do more of this because the damage to us is already done and their excesses may be helpful. It is typical of Belin. On this at least he is psychopathic. I don't think he wife will believe that there is a CIA investigation with Ruby' strippers. Maybe I'll be able to prime someone. (Five are reported dead! Shades of Penn Jones!)

As you can see, if JL and I had enough time and a little financing (we'll manage somehow with the \$\$\$ problem) I could file endless and pertinent suits. I'm ready to move even against the Army, which does not realize the significance of my learning officially but not from the Army that it had JFK assassination files it destroyed. Years ago I asked for what had to have been in them. I was told they did not exist. Let them get up in court and admit they destroyed JFK assassination pictures taken by an Army intelligence agent inside the TSBD??? And his reports. Made in writing.

The accumulation alone could have impact.

The mysterious man who contacted me is not Dolgun from the pictures with the Time review of his book. He has been silent since we met.

I read Lifton correctly, if I sent you a carbon of his transparency. He wrote Lesar that he was ordering the pages of tests I've shaken loose for himself. All I need is his messing in. Especially when He knows he can get all this from me. I think ~~is sopping otherwise has obvious meaning~~ obvious meaning.

Sorry. New and good nylon ribbon steeched and hung.

~~WXXX~~ Nichols has already announced that the tests have no meaning. I expect that to be used in court someday soon. He appears not to have recognized that they are incomplete and inadequate.

If the opening reference to the mowing - and I have not yet made a complete round of the whole place - seems odd. let me explain. I have two old but should-be-good riders, one a mower, the other a minature tractor. I have them both gone over during the winter. Both were retruned still not repaired. The only-happens-to-me part is by two fairly decent types. Both of whom have been sick, one ~~happi~~ hospitalized.

The soap opera is called As the World Turns. It sure does here!

Best,