

rip. Which came first - The report on the "word"?

Sept. 23 '96, Monday

Rip calls 5 p.m. Word from chief's office: "slow down." (Hah). Paranoia about call from Post last Thursday, want "deniability" re: SOS. They wanted to know first thing this a.m. what happened Friday re: DB. Report summed it up: DB knew Jesse and Sisman and all about snuff film, etc.

They don't want Rip going to see Jesse now; nor to Ohio re: "Amy." They want deniability. Keep going, but slow and cautious. Much weight on Yonkers and "physical evidence," per Pollini. Pollini told Rip he's with him 100 percent, but upstairs is panicked since call from Post. Afraid of headlines, afraid of deaths if it's all true, afraid of people fleeing, afraid of looking like idiots if they're wrong. "Between a rock and a hard place," said Pollini. "Damned if we do, damned if we don't."

Solution: keep going, but baby steps, in other words. They know if they don't keep going MT will blast them, afraid if it leaks now to media that they're in it they'll have a circus.

They are thinking of giving Sisman case to Manhattan DA on Thursday or Friday, so they can mark it "effectively closed." Jesse involved with others, but can't prosecute. Rip says that's "at this time," and "involves the deniability." *Exceptionally*

They're sending Rip to Kansas w/another cop to pick up a suspect Oct 1-4 (great). Rip was also told re: Sisman "they're dead. Radin, Sisman, etc. (What bull). But Rip says: "if we start bringing in DeVinko and Cummaro now we're screwed." MT agrees and points to various other witnesses. *Armed million + million*

Rip was told he couldn't show MT FBI/Process or hard copy of Utah. Rip said he'd tell MT what's there and would show photos.

Rip is willing to go on his own time (up to see Jesse - if Dept. approves. HE is thinking it through - doesn't want to appear a crosser.

CALL WAS THERE - Son of Sam re-opening presentation to Chief of Dep's.

- He told about "Amy" (Ohio) + they said no (as well as Jesse.) (At this pt, MT agrees on no Ohio. (Need more data))

Bulldog - at lunch w/m + Ruffledge - Produced two - HIDE + the Try to steal credit. Dog - "we'll speakal - screw +

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Rip was to be assigned two more "grunder" cases on the 27th. He was told to continue SOS, data and intelligence gathering, and that he could continue to see DB. However, no big push now--- careful, cautious, baby steps.

---If more develops, they'll increase their involvement, and if Yonkers develops more as it moves forward they will continue to assist in any way they can.

---They want to "close out" the Sisman case perhaps next Friday, Oct. 4, by giving it to DA to indict or not. They consider it solved. But if DA doesn't indict, so be it. Rip asked what about all the info/names in that file re: snuff/Stacy, etc. He was told, continue to look at it, evaluate, etc. and see where it leads. Rip told them, "all the information is on paper, and if someone looks at it, they'll see what it's all about." That's when he was told, "We're still investigating."

---Rip wants to see Vinny soon, and he intends to see Jesse soon, this time on his own outlay if needed.

---On DB, Rip was asked "how long" before he'd be willing to do a big de-briefing. Rip said "a couple of months." MT said: "Good faith and serious?" What would they do with the information?