

Arlington, Virginia
15 November 1962

Dear Rufe:

Thanks for your letter. It's good to know that you are alive and kicking.

Re the Filipino, I can see no earthly reason why you should shun him. He may, in one particular instance, have been less than judicious, but there isn't a shred of evidence that he is "connected."

Re V, we were a little unhappy about his becoming involved in internal Philippine politics and posing as the voice of the Pentagon, i.e., Ed. I gather that he is gainfully employed now and doing a most satisfactory job. However, the people who are superintending his activities told me that they might let you have him pro tem "if you can really make use of him."

Your worries about the "political side" are widely shared here. If the spirit should ever move you, I'd value an "Eyes alone" thinkpiece. I almost made it out your way, but was pulled off three hours before departure time when our Government decided to lapse into one of its recurrent skizoid spells. Fortunes de guerre.

Amen Mutt, let me suggest that you approach this matter via your own channels. Should you hit a serious snag, I could always try to enlist Ed's support.

Take good care of yourself. All my best to Barbara.

As ever,

Henry