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Dear Scott,

The enclosed carbon of my letter to Donovan give you an idea of why I write and what kind of statement I think you can provide that can be helpful.

If you have any questions Jim is better than I for answers.

I'll send him a carbon so he'll know.

You can attest that you have come here for more than a week at a time, had unrestricted access to my files, had access to them when I was not around, were able to borrow some of my materials (don't tell that you have not yet returned some!) and that this was true even though we have basic disagreements over your belief and personal investigations.

You can, I think, recall that despite my belief that you were sniffing the wrong spoor I told you which of my files could hold what might be of help to you in doing your thing your way.

You had free access to my copy machine, copied what you wanted, and I bore the cost of the whole thing - I do not have any way of knowing what copies you have and never asked.

The unexaggerated truth is what is most important. Do not include what you do not recall. Or what is not relevant, your getting be a bottle of good whiskey.

Jim can tell you whether some hearsay is okay. However, you did deliver me the last couple of hundred feet to the hospital when I was unable to walk it and then ~~and~~ inside the hospital you pushed the wheelchair, not a hospital attendant. You may or may not recall my request on admission for a private room and the reason I gave you, to be able to provide confidentiality to the Congressional committees.

Let Jim decide if he wants it in if you do recall. My point is not of phoney heroism but that my dedication to making withheld information public extended to paying a cost I could not afford merely to be able to provide confidentiality to the committees when they consulted me or asked for information I had obtained and the knowledge I obtained from that. And that despite the pain this remained in my mind.

Now let us get back to what you have not returned. Will you please arrange to give this to Jim so I may get it back from him, unless you know someone who is coming up.

Thanks and best wishes,