

TJ - Ammanich 6/6

Dear Jim, Temp. Inj., etc.

1/5/78

You may not have noticed it in the mass of stuff I sent several days ago but there is a copy of a Reuters story Hoch sent. I sent you and Howard copies. It makes clear that the news sources were all taking the FBI line on the releases. It twice quotes the FBI on the meaning Reuters and all others attributed to the records - not truthful.

I believe this bears on the request for a temporary injunction, for damage to my work, on the reason for not responding - to be able to misuse the law for official propaganda, etc.

Last night my left leg and thigh started to swell again. So I spent as much time as I could on the exercycle, listening to tapes while I did. Today, weather coinciding with the forecast, I'll have to spend as much time as I can moving around outside. Besides going to the lab for blood tests and then spending an interminable amount of time first trying to get through to the doctor's office, then to his nurse, then waiting further until she can speak to him. (They are quite busy and I have spent more than an hour at a time trying just to get the phone answered.) I decided to increase the dosage of diuretic to the initial level this morning and did. Maybe that will keep it down today.

Besides these intrusions a friend offered to come and do the floors for Lil today. Great to have such good friends but Lil told me that I'll not be able to move around then. If I can I'll use that time outside.

I drafted a letter to the Star. I'll try to go over that so Lil can type it neatly.

All in all, as you can see, much combines against my making time with the review of my notes for the DJ. I'm becoming more and more inclined to make a separate issue of this. They have not responded to anything, they have an abundance on which to work without this, and Green should never have done, as she did. She can't stand on it. Of course what time I spend on it is time I can't spend on other things. I wanted to write Julius after you told me what Pratt's reaction was but had no time. I mentioned it to George, who will probably not like it.

This is also causing new wastes of time because I can't keep track, as the enclosed letter to Hoch reflects.

It may be sound as a tactic to say just plod through it but it is unwise in all other ways and I think the tactic is not the essential. It means they are succeeding in their major objective - to deter my use of the records in ways they know they will not like. It delays compliance. It cannot and will not force compliance.

I did read the copies of the letters you sent. Thanks.

Best,