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Dear Jim,

After I get this in today's mail and get in some more exercycling, perhaps even a bit more ice chopping - I've cleared only about 10-15% of our long lane - I'll write you in more detail about what you told me Metcalfe told you yesterday.

I will try to do it in a manner that would enable you to provide them with a copy, not to have to take time for it.

For now, however, I have a special purpose:

I want a statement in writing that I am to be paid \$75.00 an hour for the work I have done and will do before you leave on your trip.

If you do not have a written assurance in hand before you leave I have every intention of making what preparations I regard as necessary to litigate this.

I don't know who in the hell Metcalfe ~~is~~ thinks he is but please tell him for me that honorable people deal in honorable ways, that when they give their word to others those others have every reason to believe they can accept the given word.

And that if he spent the same amount of time in reading what I have sent in he'd have saved the government a greater amount of money and time in the long run. It is obvious from what you told me that he had not even looked at the first letter.

I will be attaching new proof of the validity of what I then wrote, proof that they presided over withholding, proof that had I had it when I should have had it could have saved the government much.

Appraently there is not a single one of these people whose word can be taken. If that is the basis on which I must proceed I guess I've have to learn the less from their acts, not their words.

Meanwhile, when you speak to them please ask them for me to make a list of those they think that they can get to do what they expect of me not for \$75.00 and hour but for ten times that amount.

Hastily,