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Dear Jim, My consultancy - please read this now and do what I ask or tell me why you will not.

Getting done with this unwanted and improper consultancy is now the only way of preventing all the time I have in it from being a total waste. However, I do not want to do it less completely than is possible, despite the limitations imposed by the fact that my notes were never intended for the use demanded of them. This as well as the entire situation has bugged me.

Although I should not have I got up before 4:30 to get more work done on it today. Actually I almost did this about an hour earlier.

One of the thoughts that occurred to me is based on the record- how the FBI leaks to attain political ends and more specifically how it leaks to hurt me. In the latter the record is clear - the Department is its collaborator in this. We have the proof. Most recently there is the feeding of UPI and the dishonest and prejudicial stories that received international attention. This includes crediting UPI with all the work we have done at such great cost in time and for me in money, as for you in lost money.

So I want and demand some assurance that this will not be done with what I will provide. As a minimum I want assurances it will not be given to the FBI in any form.

I also want assurances it will not go out of Civil Division and that nobody in Civil will make any use, even in discussions, with anyone who will or who might be expected to write.

While I recognize that they have engaged me because of my knowledge and that I have to use and reflect this knowledge, I do not extend this to giving to anyone else any of this knowledge for any purpose.

In this I do not include what is necessary if an effort is made to obtain further compliance from the FBI, whether it be related to the withholding of a single name or of withheld records.

I have come to a point where I believe it is necessary for the comprehension of Civil Division for it to be able to perceive possible motive for what the FBI did and did not do. I am quite willing to do this for them, despite the recent record, on the chance that it can be useful and accomplish or help accomplish constructive ends. But I am not willing for any other use to be made of it.

The reality is as I have indicated above, and I am asking you to obtain whatever you regard as proper assurances, preferably in writing. I'll accept Schaffer's signature and his word.

What reminds me of this reminds me of a record they can obtain. I do not want to have to take the time to read all the Church committee records to find it. I also do not want to depend on newspaper accounts of what someone in the FBI told the Church committee in prepared testimony. This is a matter I have spoken and written about often, as I will later be showing when I get to those records.

The release is not only to the Church committee. It has been released to others but it remains withheld from me. These are a few of the records relating to the campaign against King at the time of and related to the Sanitation Workers' strike. There was the approval of a newspaper campaign against King for staying in a white-owned motel. Lane has bludgeoned the FBI about this based on the Church and newspaper records. My own investigation discloses that although there was approval for such a campaign there is fact was no such planting of this story by the FBI. So, in fairness to the FBI, I do want to include things like this. And on this there are three checks, not just mine. Mine I duplicated, meaning 4 checks. However, there are other aspects of those records that I do need. So, I am asking that you ask for them to be provided immediately. There is no reason for the FBI to withhold them. They are public, they are within my requests and I now need them. There is no problem of retrieval, either, for they were collected for the Church committee and they have been released to others. Without any sign of good faith from anyone in the Department on this question I chose not to inform them here of to whom there was the release I mention. But I have documentary proof of it and will be including it in what I will be providing.

It is too early to see if I can get out today, way before daylight. If I am iced in, as I'm sure I am, I think I can get this mailed anyway. If I'm not iced in I'll get the dictating machine this afternoon. Hastely,