

Dear Dave,

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FYI and while I try to ease off after an intense 24 hours. And even a snow storm cooperated!

I'm less perplexed by Lynch's total silence than by Jim's. At the least Jim could say, if it is true, that he must remain entirely detached from what I did. Maybe he misunderstood something, maybe he is worried, I don't know. But when I was thinking about all of this during my walking therapy yesterday morning what I enclose took shape and I decided that there would never be as appropriate a context for the use of the information you'll see. In the phrase so popular among the young years ago, "dynamite." While ordinarily I would have been in touch with Jim about this, I felt that I had to respect his silence, whatever accounts for it.

We had five inches of snow and because the antibiotic I'm on can potentiate the anticoagulant - by more than a third last time - I just had to go into town for the regular blood test. (OK) I was also scheduled to be a state witness in a fraud case, a couple of gyms on firewood sales. After the blood test I had no real trouble getting to the courthouse, only to find that all morning cases are to be rescheduled. So, home again I was able to read and make a few minor corrections in the retyped draft and one of the kids who cleared my snow rode into town with me and took the copy into the xeroxing place, which is to phone me when it is ready. What is absolutely astounding is that with the temperature below freezing most of the snow has just disappeared, and I saw no sign of cinders with salt in them. So, with any kind of luck, I'll have the xeroxing done by some time in the morning, will get them and will mail the necessary copies and as many as possible of those I just want to send. My reasons for staying with the retyped rough draft are the same plus an additional factor, the ~~date~~ time expires Tuesday so I want to get them mailed before it runs out. Local xeroxing facilities are limited. Only one place, for example, can xerox the index card stock required for covers, and it has only one machine which must serve local lawyers, etc. There are other xerox places, but they can't do the covers that are required on the filed copies. So I just didn't want to run any risk. Filing more than is permitted is asking more than I can expect to be accepted.

And I can only hope that some clerk decides to read and tells a responsible, what I've referred to as a traditionalist judge as distinguished from an activist/political operator wearing robes.

For the most part, if not entirely, I'm not writing individual letters. I've prepared a short statement all will retype and I'll include in press mailings. And hope that there is enough curiosity for the documents to be read.

When you have time I'll appreciate a professional historian's perspective. I know this should be exceptionally newsworthy but we live in a world in which the worthiness of news is not related to its possible use. I think that in a way these are among the most important records, historically, but I'm not a professional.

I've kept a list of all copies sent and a separate file of accompanying letters. These are in the file on the petition, in the case file. Dupes of the letters are in the files on those to whom sent.

P.S. It occurs to me, and you may want to know, I've never discussed the assassination with Lynch and he has asked nothing about it.

Best to you all,

