

3/18/73

Dear Harvey,

Not to show you that I have been working, as I have been, but to give you some things for which you may have need or use I send you herewith some of what I have done.

I'm going to have to slow down. This stuff is too rough. I've been dealing with official crookedness for some years now, but I don't think anything I've worked with is as undeviatingly and as overtly dishonest, perhaps because these lawyers forget about discovery and remembered what they pretend not to, that we did have an understanding that we would undertake to reach an amicable settlement. After getting up long before daylight and staying on this until dark, I had to stop because it was getting to me. I made the mistake of showing my wife what I thought might encourage her a bit, and she was almost immediately hit by a bad headache and has been lying down since. So, I'll work on this part-time only, in consideration of myself, and when she is not around, in consideration of her. It should still not be too long before I have gone over all the files with some care. I've skimmed all and gone through one.

I found the German scientific paper Dr. Welch wanted and wrote him, carbon enclosed.

I have written you about each of the two things the government filed and you copied for me. In one of these I remind you that I spotted alterations in the Leahy transcript. They not only did it but they left a written record of it and then gave it to us! This is in the sheet headed Question of the running of the statute of limitations.

16 | I don't think you now have to worry about whether there was an agreement. There was, and it is on Leahy's file copy of Taft's letter, "Suspend file to 1 Jan 1966". So now they claim the statute ran when they agreed to let things wait until long after the time of filing of the complaint. This is in different form in Taft's letter, my copy of which you also have. Can they now possibly claim that the Chief of Claims himself can't do this? If he can't, his doing it should be criminal.

The memo on the JAG file is to give you a notion of some of the contents I find of potential value. On the overflights and settling, other files have more. They were denying overflights and getting confirmation of them. There is a list coinciding with some I reported. In one case the Air Force spotted a chopper I reported and as I reported!

The memo on the Air Force sonic boom claim is an encapsulation of the dishonesty. It shows one of the ways the lawyers got boxed in by other lawyers, which seems to have been typical. And has a record of production and comparison between a damaged and a good flock for the period before the still-existing records. As does much of the rest, this confirms me and shows that I was often on the conservative side, unlikely as it seems. I told you 50% production at six months and peak at more than 90%. Well, that shows 50% production in ~~less~~ than 4 1/2 months, peaking at 96% ~~at~~ in fifth month and holding ~~up~~ up.

17 | They do have pictures from me, they do have my copy of my memo on the meeting at which we came to an understanding, and these files show it.

One of the things from which I do take some comfort is that in even their crookedness they authenticate almost everything I say. It shows I was, really, trying to level with them all along and trusting them.

Sincerely,