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I missed the mail. Later I got a call from my agent. He wants me in New York for a Wednesday meeting with the head of Brallax. I'll go up as early as I can on Tuesday. There are other things I also have to do, like see a lawyer about Dell. I haven't ever gotten any kind of an accounting from them. They have not performed on the contract for whitewash, broke their agreement on the New Orleans book and haven't answered letters. An accounting was due in April and I haven't gotten it. We won the Bringuier suit and they never let me know, as though they were not going to take a share of the cost out of my money! I found out from the New Orleans lawyer who handled it. Bringuier is also a racist. I have a copy of a pamphlet he did earlier this year, a new way of promoting Cuban "independence".

If I can make good time, I'll be in NY Tuesday before lunch. I'll call my agent and see if he has anything for me to do immediately. The chances are that he has his lunches lined up a month ahead. If he hasn't, I'll phone to see if you are free, for if I get tied up later, perhaps we can spend a little time then. If you are, I'll grab a cab at the station and go over there. Perhaps you have a decent cafeteria in your building. There may be something else I'd like to do there, assuming I have time.

The first tiny yield on my media letters is an indefinite invitation from UPI to send them 1000 words. I take it as an effort to save their faces and divert what I am determined to do, make a test of their abuse of their power, via FCC. I wish I knew a lawyer who would help when I get there. It would be better for everyone if I do not have to be my own, which I am reluctantly prepared to be. There are other legal tests I would like to make and am prepared to. But I can get no help. I tried the ACLU last winter. No answer, although I spoke to them first, then prepared the memo they asked.

I take comfort from the Andrews conviction and from the fact that, despite the great sympathy I am confident he has, the sentence was not the minimum. The great evil is the refusal of people to "get involved", a phrase Andrews also used in a tape I provided that was in evidence. He is, and I think genuinely, afraid for his life. This is important because my belief is that the greatest single obstacle between Garrison and convictions is the witnesses and the jurors, the very obvious focus of the enormous campaigns against him.

A newspaper friend who I supplied as a witness was favorably impressed by those of Garrison's staff he met. He spent some time with the other witnesses when they were all confined in the witness room. Alvin ~~Beauboeuf~~ Beauboeuf told him, quite openly, that no effort was made to bribe him at all. He was asked only the truth. If you knew the situation down there you'd understand that Garrison's first problem is to find the witnesses, then to get them to be willing to open their mouths. NBC didn't say, but B is Ferrie's heir and was in on some of the shenanigans. The first retaliation is on jobs, income. NBC used an edited tape to eliminate the parts that bear on this. You can be sure that the man accused, who met there, did not go into an opposing lawyer's office and make an offer to corrupt. He is too wise for that and I do not think he'd do it anyway. If you do not get the N.O. papers, John the Baptist, who NBC also used, refused to tell the grand jury that he told NBC the truth. When the judge asked him and he wouldn't say, 18 mos. I think you can realize that when it takes each of these charges against him right to the grand jury he exposes himself if these people tell the truth. I was offered the John the Baptist story 2/4/28. The opposing lawyers were trying to sell it (free) to the N.O. papers, which would have used it if Cancellor would swear to it. Only the NYTimes, or Roberts, rather, would use it unsworn, and NBC. I think NBC will wind up with some suits against them. Sheridan is using the best Philadelphia-lawyer means of avoiding appearance before the grand jury. NBC's shame is hidden by suppression by the rest of the media.