10/10/71

[illegible],

[illegible] long-ago [illegible] questions on [illegible] and [illegible] (to become H) are now of value. I've just completed going over I, as you found typos I missed (they didn't interest me at all). I'll be going over the panel part as soon as I can, which will be any day after tomorrow. I have completed the reading part, but not the third, and Bil is working on it.

I'm hoping that it will be possible to arrange for a private printing, even though our usual permits circumstances are worse than usual. I had to go to the bank Friday night for an extension on what I owe. The crooked publishers are real crooked. Aside from Rabbit, who bought with no single proof, they've beat me out of almost all the advance. Advance? They've invented "author's alterations" I didn't make, all sorts of fine ways of cheating, and it takes about 2 yrs for a case to come to trial in NYC. But I am hoping that a friend can make it possible, with a fairly full appendix.

I'm also [illegible] contracts, popularized version being prepared, small enough to [illegible], and some good publisher I hope. I think it is a hot book. You haven't seen the first part but we haven't been in touch much. But I've been working.

Of course, toward both note the obvious, that I play the lawyer straight. I am aware of all the things both of you say. I am also aware that I have said nothing not in the FBI reports—all that was in them. Maybe I'm wrong, but I think it will be clear that if this [illegible] point, what could not have happened in any investigation. But who is going to criticize me? Who will? The Commission knows? The others who will, will anyway, if I more talk.

I was deeply concerned about what he was, apparently, told everyone but me, that Myra is going after the autopsy pix and x-rays. I say concerned because of the many changes we did [illegible] about in the past five years. I have been in a position to file for them in court absent a clear decision and I haven't because the result would be counter-productive. I'm in too tight a time bind to go into this as I'd like. I did write him a very long letter without spelling it all out until I hear from him, if I do, and get his reaction and some indication, I suspect of course, that he is not ego-tripping. Although he is one of the last of [illegible] I've met it, I have more than suspicion this is the case. So may have that taste [illegible], and almost all can't put it all together and have no idea what they say necessitates, which is not at all what they think they might.

Anyway, I'm worried, and if you know anything I'd appreciate knowing so that if and when it is necessary to defend against the inevitable consequences, I'll at least have some clue to think if they accused and let him see. We'll then have a whole new set of villains, won't we? And have you thought of who would emerge, or seem to emerge, as the heroes, how it would expose real freedom, etc?

I have to lay this aside to do some things so my wife's work can continue, for I'll be tied up all day tomorrow on other matters and I want her to be free to continue. Hope your situation [illegible] thinking of a new term and the needs of fixing a new home. Best,