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Dear Steve,

During the long silence, I have continued my own work, having filed and won the first suit for suppressions in the assassinations. I am about to leave for DC for a consultation on the next four, the complaints for which are in rough draft. As you may or may not have heard, I am getting the production of some of what has been suppressed, and some of this is quite significant. As you will see, in time.

The reason for this hasty, before-breakfast note is to ask your help on a side project, where you have a file. It has to do with the bust of a California arms outfit the name of which escapes me. It begins with an "E", as I recall. I would like all you have on this. If you fear sending only copies of originals, ask Art if he can xerox it for me, please. I think he will.

This is part of a study on right-wing bombing, so anything you have on that would be of great interest.

Including what some of our mutual "friends" may have been up to. I've heard nothing from any of them since the night Steve Goldberg took me out to Hemming's, with Howard.

I have heard nothing from LA, except an assortment of the most vicious slanders. I have ignored them, but the source to which some were attributed, one for whom I had the highest regard, was painful. The others did not surprise.

Nor have I heard recently from N.O. My last and very indirect word is that Jim has been having more and more serious trouble with his back. This was not imaginary.

From a friend in NY I have learned that he has done a book titled "Heritage of Stone", to be published this fall by Putnam. I have heard from him but once since the trial. I expect them to blow the rest, too, and again needlessly. This title comes from a fine piece of writing he did as an introduction to a study of crime law and punishment. It is too pessimistic for my taste, but it is superlative writing.

Before rushing off, one other thing: If you know how to reach Jonn Christian, I'd like his address. He has the only existing copies of OSWALD IN NEW ORLEANS in storage someplace. He never accounted or paid for any of them. I still get calls for them. Because I never got anything from Canyon on this book--not even a single penny--they agreed to pay the shipping charges, what Jonn was insisting on, to him a very fair deal since he had paid nothing for the books to begin with. However, they could not reach him at the address to which they had shipped that 5,000 books.

We sure have had some strange friends and helpers. Like "Unkin, who not only never paid for the books he got, but also doesn't answer requests for the payment. It is their high morality, their superior ethics, their undeviating dedication to the noblest principle, that makes these personages of the left such worthwhile members of society!

Best regards to you all. Hope you are well, doing well in school, and not as embittered by your experiences as your last word indicated you might become. And thanks for anything you may do.

Sincerely,