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Mary and Gary,

Having heard nothing from them, I have had to phone Bud's office several times lately. They were to have gotten a copy of the government's answer from the court or the fed atty and haven't, so as of this minute, they haven't read it. Meanwhile, especially busy and tired as I am, I've wasted much time in the preparation of a paper that I gather from my today's phone call ought not be filed anyway. Fine way to spend time.

Especially when I have a "lawyer" who proclaims, publicly, that he has filed and is handling these suits for me!

So, I may know more tomorrow. I have a hunch my best bet will be my adversary. I'll phone him.

Meanwhile, I have to prepare for a trial. This means a number of things. The only part that doesn't concern me and should be no real sweat is the fact. I guess one of my problems is my faith in fact and its relevance.

I may have enough on the law now. I think I do, but can a non-lawyer tell? Am I in a position to know?

Aside from such technicalities, my major concern at the moment is being able to pay the cost of witness fees and expenses. I'd like to call, aside from faces in town, Burke Marshall and a good criminologist, one who can tell us bullet holes when he sees one, in cloth - and what isn't. I'll need a photographic expert, one competent to pass on quality of photos, whether or not they can be enlarged, which is clear, which isn't, etc.

The DC witnesses should not cost anything. I'd call Hoops, Clark, maybe Teddy (and I'd suggest in camera - for two things only - the contract and its purposes and his reading of what is sensational and undignified, esp. in comparison. I'm thinking of trying to call Hoover as my criminologist, with a private one.

I do not yet face the ~~most~~ problem, but if this case goes to trial, I'll have to worry about witness expenses. Some time ago I wrote both of you about this. I then said (and repeat) I did not want either to tap your own resources, but I asked if either knew where these nominal sums could be or might be found. I do not now think asking this again is premature.

I've heard nothing from Cyril for so long I suspect a mutual friend may have spoken to him. I wrote him again tonight, asking if he is of a disposition to help.

Should this come before a friendly judge, by which I really mean one not prejudiced in advance, it could be something, for the many, many letters and things of that sort would sure make interesting evidence. You know, the government now claims the clothing is not evidence! Wouldn't that look nice in a new story! But they seem to have forgotten their contrary records, even the contract, which was attached to my complaint and says it is. Their contract! And many other things, like the picture Mary has seen - really three, but one most important.

I'll try and keep you posted. I'd have been working on what I have to give the judge in the Day case on my claim of perjury by DJ but I've felt somewhat dizzy and tense today. It is not hard to find a possible cause.

Best