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Dear Dick,

Today I received a short but nice letter from Dr. Segal. It included two Washington referrals and a request for a follow-up. While the letter is ambiguous, in my interpretation I do appreciate it and I've taken the time for the enclosed. Note that it says nothing of him. It also tells him, if he has anything he thinks he should or could contribute, how he can without contact with me.

I fear that for months one of my problems has been the CIA decision to proceed there was no negligence. I attribute Dr. Turner's delay in responding to a high policy rather than a medical decision. Flying into the face of the recommendations Dr. Segal made is consistent with this, not the good practice of good medicine. And to tell me that the slots are dissolving when the main vein was totally blocked...

If the future is medically uncertain, I know that when it is possible I'll have to be hospitalized for the artery X-rays. I'm not certain I gave them the correct work. There appears to be no practical way for me to visit these people except through Jim, which gives every indication of stonewalling. So, I have involved my young lawyer friend, Jim Segal, who has copies of all the recent correspondence going back at least to the possible incriminating period of last April. In the event there is this work, he will be limited in what he can do and I have no medical-legal expert in the US group. I also have no way of paying him, which means other problems that I'll have to find some way of meeting since I know with whom Jim can consult.

Dizzy as I feel I am able to keep working. There are other interruptions, like the time required by a Flanagan committee. But I've completed the draft of the fourth chapter and have begun the fifth. I've gone as far in it as I can without reading. The five-hour typist is down with the flu so the first chapter is not yet retyped. The next chapters, the first of which will take some time, and Part II is drafted. Not after the third chapter read, he thought.

While I do not expect it to happen, as early as some time this coming week I'll have more "new evidence." I assure you that with no case I have the sensation. I also expect a tough court fight from Wednesday's indications. The government asked for a protective order against me and interrogations. They were rejected and given 30 days to comply. They are so crooked they didn't even inform the U.S. Attorney that while they've told him to move westward they simultaneously told me the cost of the initial west search would be not less than \$200,000, asked and got an SEC Assistant. I've never known "in to lose his cool and he's had the most extreme provocation when I was with him. But when he was told the government's plan the night before the hearing -- had not even been given a copy of the notice they've had weeks to file -- he exploded and warned them that if they follow the indicated course he will personally demand charges against the lawyers doing it. If this does not give them pause I told the assistant personally after Wednesday's short hearing that I was making him witting and that while with compliance I would seem to disavow without full compliance I will specify what is being withheld, who has to know, and prove it to the judge who will have been injured upon. Or, we are squaring off for what can be a real fight because what I've asked for if delivered will blow the case apart.

This is more than an update. It is to explain the structure, which I believe is not only logical but permits delay in the writing of the new-evidence part until the last possible minute.

These kinds of problems cause no sweat. The medical situation does disturb and my tensions have increased because of the need to quit smoking. I again make an immediate, drastic reduction, as I had before Turner's call. Perhaps as much as 5/6ths. I've also reduced my food intake to less than you observed but see no serious weight loss. Anyway, on the back I'm moving forward. Best,