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Dear Jim,

Spoke to Bob Scott by phone last night. He is in a bit of a spot, which is not the purpose of this early morning letter, for that will probably work out ok.

When he said that he spent much time in the witness room, naturally I asked him if any of the other witnesses had anything to say. He said the only one he had much conversation with was Alvin Beauboeuf.

Beauboeuf, voluntarily, told him that no effort was made to bribe him. He said that he was told all that was wanted of him was the truth.

Perhaps this issue is dead. But perhaps also it isn't. If it isn't, you have a witness and a voluntary admission, not one under an alleged threat.

We fell asleep ~~last~~ Sunday night with the radio on. During the night my wife roused and heard the good news. Congratulations! I do believe it is your most important court victory in your career, as I believe it will be followed by more! This was the first news radio up here gave of the entire proceeding. I also think you will be getting a good press abroad on it. They don't vote here, but it all helps, especially when the press here is prejudiced.

Bob was quite favorably impressed with those of your staff he met, particularly with Jim Alcock. He is sorry only that he didn't get to see more of your town.

I certainly wish my New Orleans book were out right now, for it would make an excellent follow-up for you right now, before there is another proceeding in court. I am getting interest in it from England, from where there can be a valuable feed-back. My agent, John Starr, mailed the extra copy of the manuscript to the Washington office of the London Times from New York two weeks ago. It has not yet arrived. The Post Office, which has officially assured me that all that is wrong is the high state of inefficiency they have reached with their own long experience and that accumulated by other post offices - no singling out of my mail for special attention - here reached a high point. John mailed eight manuscripts at the same time and place, and as of yesterday, not a single one had been delivered! I believe the delay in the original reaching him is what is responsible for Dell breaking their agreement. It was responsible for a delay of six weeks, during which time the Phelan and Aynsworth articles appeared.

May this be but the first of a series of historic victories for you - and for our country, its integrity, honor and future!

Sincerely,

Jim - Jones Harris tells me that sometimes Jim doesn't see his mail for weeks, so if this thing on Beauboeuf is of value you also will know if it. Congratulations! It is an important victory. The London Times will point out what it is the only conviction on the assassination itself. Ruby killed Oswald.