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Dear Jim,

About two hours ago, while cleaning off my desk and surrounding areas, I almost placed a call to Lou or Moo. Because they had not answered several calls of more than a month ago and in Lou's case, didn't acknowledge several letters, I decided against it. Instead I just filed another futility, almost all of some work I did that I think serves your interest. There remains but one aspect I will follow up. But not with the energy or interest I would have when I began it.

I had asked Lou to have one of the women in the office copy some of the proceedings since Gervais' surfacing. There is, of course, nothing secret about these court documents. And there is always the chance that a different eye will see in them what others have not. There is always the chance that the detached mind can conceive what the involved mind does not. Or be sensitive to what minds committed to specific needs and a course of action may miss.

This is not the first such case. Xeroxes of Shaw transcripts were sent Dave Lifton, your dear and true friend, when they were denied me and others through me. After I wrote you some, if not all, were finally sent.

To my observation, Lou is the hardest-working and longest-working man I met in New Orleans. On even the few occasions I saw him or was with him sitting in a coffee shop, he was working. I don't think I ever saw him when he wasn't working. So, I know he is busy all the time. By the same token, I also understand that as I near the beginning of my 70th decade, the fact that I still work a longer day than anyone I know and never have a day off or a vacation means that I have plenty of time for writing letters. So also have I come to understand that only a fool like me would believe they should not be necessary.

Busy as I know he is, I have difficulty believing that Lou is too busy to ask a secretary to do some simple xeroxing and mail it. Or to return a phone call. Especially when he has already told me I saw what others didn't on the subject. My last requests, except for the courtesy of copies of what have to be very few newspaper clippings, were motivated by the notion I might have detected something not detected by others. With all due deference to the fine minds I have found working in the same field, I think the sensitivity I have developed toward federal semantics has not been exceeded. Nor, although I am not a lawyer, has my legal record been exceeded. This includes, if you are not aware of it, a summary judgement against the Department of Justice, obtained when my lawyer was out of town and unable to appear in court. Do you know of many others?

So, if you see fit to have these few simple things sent to me, I will appreciate it. I will also appreciate being kept abreast of developments. Were this to be burdensome, as I do not really believe it will be to anyone, it can't begin to equal the time and effort I expended or come close to the packages I delivered.

After I last saw you, I went to Dallas. My investigations were successful beyond what I would permit myself to dream. If and when we meet again, you may be interested in knowing how McClelland conned Oser and Alford. He, personally, told me.

When last I spoke to Lou he said you were finally beginning to beat the bug. Hope your progress and Jasper's continue this way.

Sincerely,

bcc:MF

Js, for all the legal talent and its high repute, they have missed collateral legal possibilities and have, I am certain, failed to understand some of what happened in the first hearing before Christenberry. Rather, some of what was said.