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Dear Lou,

I have difficulty believing what I have just heard on the radio news. I have phoned a friend in the press and gotten a few but still very few more details. I hope that it will be possible for you to let me know - and study -more.

I no longer get the N.O. papers, but in today's mail I got a clipping from the Times-Picayune for the 23rd with Alford's resignation. That made me wonder much, but I still didn't suspect this. I suppose that fills in a blank, who was on the inside.

Mitchell staged it carefully. He made the announcement after addressing the FBI academy, where he knew there'd be good coverage and probably extensive TV. And he also had reason to suspect there would be an adverse decision in the Times/ Post case today.

I still have heard no names but Jim's. I've had CBS tuned in and they just announced they had someone working with Justice et al for Szysara 2 years, someone who had been with Jim 9 years.

I am not, as you know, a lawyer, but with the public announcement including the use of bugging and wiretapping, there may be ways other than Jencks of getting all transcripts and tapes if they will not make that available before trial. Legal ways, I think.

Another report: a sergeant and a captain also arrested. Still no names.

I suppose you are pretty busy. But I would like to go over everything. This could so easily have been rigged. I hope you can make it possible.

Good luck. I know it will be tough, but despite our many disagreements, I just can't believe Jim is a crook. It is always possible I may know something or that, as has happened, I may see what others do not.

Best,