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Dear Lou,

Enclosed for your information are self-explanatory letters I have written about Pershing. The "Raft" in my letter to Guy is Esquivel, mentioned in FRAME-UP.

It was not possible for me to do any more writing yesterday, but it was possible for me to think. This thing could make an entertaining and useful book. I think it could sell enough in New Orleans alone to make it successful.

The way I write, I could do it fast. And the way I printed my first three books, it could be out in time to precede anything in court except hearings like the one I understand is scheduled for the 12th.

However, I not only can't go further into debt to do it, but I have no reason to believe it could be distributed with any efficiency. I'll never forget my experience with OSWALD IN NEW ORLEANS and Louisiana News.

This reminds me. I think they have some connections with the kinds of interests represented by most of the defendants. I think with them it traces back to Kansas City. At the time I had the problem, I tried to figure what was behind it, and I think I then learned of these connections.

Anyway, because I think it could make a humanizing and interesting book, if the things I must do here this morning do not take too long, I plan to go to Washington and may again tomorrow. It just happens this is the time of the annual American Booksellers' Association convention there. Maybe I can see if anyone I know might be interested. The trouble with that, though, is that publishers are captives of habit. Even if I could find some interest in this, it would take six months after the writing is completed before the book would be out. So, I would not go and if I do go it would not be for this alone. There are other things that would or will take me there.

I don't know if WDSU used what I told Ketenring. Phil Johnson did not call me back.

Best,