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Dear Art,

Thanks for ltr 7/28. Understand work keeps you busy.

Jerry Cohen responded saying world seems to have swallowed Charles Stein, that he looked for him in N.O., etc. and that he no longer has phone number he got from Stein. Hard to believe but I guess no choice.

Says he tried to locate him when in N.O., presumably for trial.

Stein should be reachable through sister who works at joint or Marie Martin, who also worked there when Ray patronized, if not other friends. It may be quite important and I think is. Lomax also may know how to reach him. Lomax also may have this number, having gotten it from authorities.

Identification Marie Martin's daughter in N.O. also important. Ray took packages to her last trip back.

There is a ^{good} fit here with other data I have. Hope you can find time and have success. I'll tell you story on phone if you want.

I've got most of book-length addition to COUP done.

You know I had no confidence in that Bradley stuff from the first. Of those he is suing (of whom I know) I would like to help San Diego people (who have treated me shabbily, not yet having paid expenses for that trip not almost year overdue) because they are nice people and George is son of a good friend I cherish, even if they have failed to return one of my limited editions and have failed to respond to about 6-8 letters, for which I have no time. I suppose Lifton has been working on them. However, I think I can help them alone of those sued and it is for this reason I want all papers on suit.

Never hear from N.O. I can't even get response to letters asking for return of loaned material I need. I feel this is official policy. When I asked for transcripts I was told none available, but I have just obtained one from John Nichols (Frazier) and it has importances they were too uninformed, too slow to spot. The p.r. end was very bad, but if this is a sample there is much importance to the record they made. The tragedy is that they didn't know what to do with it and usually didn't know what he was saying. Dymond was stupid. Had they know and pointed up, it could have been so important! I cannot understand how anyone knowing the case could not have spotted what is so obvious in record and used when he was on the stand.

But do I have to tell you anything about what kind of people they are when, after all I did and tried to do for them, all the time I spent and debt I incurred (still not repaid), they do not even lend me transcripts? Or this as a reflection of the genuineness of their interest in the case?

Best to Jim, and thanks for anything you can do.

Sincerely,



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Dear Hal:

Sorry I haven't been able to respond to your recent letters but I only just returned from Houston and the Apollo 11 mission coverage.

The Cohen-Stein effort you mentioned in your letter of the 25'th sounds very interesting. I'll do my best to try and locate Stein and pave the way for your contact.

I'm glad to hear that you're up and around again but it just shows that even you Mr. Weisberg must take it a bit easier. The oracle cannot oracalize flat on its back!

The Bradley suit is as you've gathered an attempt to recoup some money to pay lawyers, etc. He may be successful but its one of those things that will take him years to fight for remember he must prove malice. I spoke with him and he said he let us go (KHJ-TV*) because of me and my fairness, etc.

The entire case has been so quiet..exactly what we feared following the N.O. debacle. But I still hold hope that a crack will appear somewhere. Eventually, it must. Glad to hear that you're into the Ray thing but I am very dubious that anything exists in the Robert affair. By the way, I would be very interested to hear your backgrounding, specualtion, etc. on L'affaire Teddy. I gather you're thinking it was a not too friendly warning?????

Hal, I wish I could do more but pressures on my time are becoming overwhelming. I'll try and poke as best I can.. you know I will so keep jogging me.

Best to you...RELAX...hope you're back out here soon..RELAX...