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Dear Jim,

I have completed a written draft of the arguments I will make Tuesday. I ll go over them tonight and will retype them. It would be very helpful if you or Bill or Bud could go over them Tuesday morning. In the hope that this will be possible, I will attempt to be at Bud's office about 9:30 a.m. The hearing is set for 2, in courtroom 6.

Because I also ask for summary judgement in my favor, it would be additionally helpful if one could be drafted for me so that, if the judge assents, I can present it for his signature. I will attempt to do one myself anyway.

I have read the new Klohr clippings. These make the entire thing more impressive and again raise questions about Buick et al. What they say is nothing like what the local papers carried, which explains the deficiences of the reporting!

The two Garrison stories introduce a new area*** our noble leader supporting a racist-extremist for governor? Just how far can principle carry one? If this is true, he's gotta be crazier than I thought. The need to support anyone is unclear, as is the gain from this.

What has puzzled me all along is Jim's failure to make a simple argument in response to the apparently persuasive argument that he stood to gain financially. It is a simple one. Had it not been for the long delays for which the defendant alone was responsibility, even if this were the case, it would have been impossible, for the book would have been out long, long <u>after</u> the trial and the publicity, if any, from the trial, could not have benefitted the book - unless the defendant were found guilty.

Defendant's Response to Request for Admissions, #4 would seem to bear very much on the spectro appeal and on my allegation that Williams did commit perjury. I hope all of you consider all the ramifications seriously, especially in the light of our claim that it also would have been available to the defendant, aside from the mere false swearing about inside the DJ only and then on a need-to-know basis only.

I think I'll ask Gesell to indulge me and let me read my prepared statement on the ground that I am not a lawyer and want to avoid the possibility of extemporaneous misstatement. It may make a less impressive presentation, but I think it is safer. If this is against anything, I'd like to know.

Lil is making slow progress, and I am concerned about leaving her for a day unless I can get a lady-sitter.

Best,