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Dear Jim,

Enclosed is a copy of a note I wrote Paul V thought. I should have cited the other contracts. I've not checked my recollection, but I believe I am right in that Hanes did not have any title loot at the time he suggested or urged Ray not to fight extradition. I am certain Hanes lied to me about this on WNEW-TV.

Frankly, I'm terrified at any suit Sprague will file, because to him fact is what what he wants to believe. He ignores everything that proves him wrong, improvising another explanation to which he adheres rigidly until disproven, when he comes ups with with still another. His writing alone ought be enough to encourage all of you to discourage him. There was a time when I'd have offered to check any allegations, but not now, not after my recent experiences. The blindest are those who will not see.

On Ted Glenn, would it be a good idea to nudge him and get the scoop?

On the separate suits: agreed. Why not Powell pix and reports first, then all the LHO film as one and the fingerprint as another? These could be simple complaints in which there in each case should be the emphatic allegation that it was denied the Commission when in each case it had to be essential to the Commission's most basic conclusions. Because the Army has never responded, I see no reason why we can't expand this. I never spelled out everything because I wanted to see what they'd say. They've said nothing. We are in the sixth month since I first asked. And I've written three or four times.

I have the reports on the fingerprint (my Wasp file). I have those on Powell. I have those on the Doyles, five I think. I have the Martin film and responses from DJ on all. One thing I didn't get either I can write Mike for or you could phone him and ask for me. That is the wrapper the SS put on their copy of the WDSU footage when I got them to deposit it at the Archives. You have my correspondence on this, I think it would be better to have a xerox than to depend on my notes. Please, unless you think I should write, ask him by phone to mail it to me. I have an account and it is not empty. If Mike is asked it will probably get to me fairly soon. It is but a small slip of paper wrapped around the film. And I do have that film and stills blown up from it and other things of which you do not know that are relevant (third-man file and new interviews). But before we file that one there is one in particular to whom I should write again. I have them cold on this one, from their own files.

Haven't had a chance to look at what you gave me today. But I will make notes on anything that appears of special interest.

Best,