Dear Jim, 6/3/71

Re: Barbara Warner Blehr, the Sirhan guns and Buick, urlet 6/1:

This a.m.'s paper provides exactly the explanation I gave of the second Sirhan pisto. Were it not true, and I believe as I did from the first that it is, there is, per se, nothing wrong with the police having a second, identical pistol for testing. Rather is it the minimum one might expect for essential testing.

I do not believe we have ever discussed Buick. I was aware of what JG had at the time, but I did not regard it as good stuff. I was even more skeptical when I got friendly, personal letters from total strangers in the same jail as he is. However, my recollection of all of this is hazy, for I never paid much attention to it at any time.

I have no independent knowledge of Blehr under her married or maiden name of Warner.

On getting your not, because all the checking you reported is through Kaiser, I phoned a newsman friend who will check it out. From him I also learned the following:

The second pistol was known to and approved by the defense. There never was any secret about it, nor was there any disapproval. The whole business was public.

Now, when we consider the alleged purpose of the suit, to block the planned promotion of the ballistics expert, the question I have is what influence on this will a suit such as this have? Can one reasonably expect this to deter his promotion? Especially if she is of left political orientation.

If I know politics, it will help with that promotion. Pentagonese: counterproductive.

The papers here have carried little of this suit, so I know little. There may be something she has in mind not reported or not clear to me. On the face of it, however, this does not seem like a very responsible action. I'd prefer to be wrong. So, I'd like to no more ("all" ask the saying goes).

One might wonder a bit more about Buick and that story, no?

Thanks for the enclosures, which I'll read soon.

Jerry outlines further efforts against him and details on John and says JB's letters are also being returned. They planned to be there tomorrow. I suggested that it might be wise to seek sworn statements from his sources.

Best,

Note: Buick allegedly says she was in Mexico City when LHO was.