

Dear Dave, *Lifan*

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Thanks for the offer of your dub of Jeff Goldberg's Guinn tape and the single page you transcribed.

That page ends, so your transcript end, with what can be of use to us in court.

The last thing is Goldberg asking if there is a problem with the weight of the fragments. There is such a problem and that is potentially one of the more useful areas in the litigation.

With the time that has passed and the time I've already spent on this I can't put any more into it. There is no chance my wife could make a comprehensible transcript and I would not inflict that kind of punishment on her. Nobody intended it but the tape requires the kind of prior knowledge you have from having been there.

With an extension in time Jim is working on the brief now. It is due before the tape could reach me and then it still would do him no good.

From what I was told what follows where you left off, his answer to the question about a problem with the samples, can be important at oral argument. And on remand if there is one. So if you transcribe any farther I'd appreciate that. And a recheck of Guinn beginning "Possibly, they could take a bullet..."

I understand Guinn found that the weights of his samples and of the official descriptions of them are not the same.

I hear Paul made extensive notes. I look forward to them.

Regards,

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Dear Harold,

Life has been frightfully chaotic for me the past several weeks, so please excuse my not getting back, as promised.

Just this week, my copy of the "Guinn" tape arrived. Its not the greatest, but I can make out quite a bit. Mine was made via audio---that is, putting the speaker of one recorder near the mike of another. I understand that you, too, were sent one, ~~and~~ ^{that} it was made via a patchcord, and that you called AIB to comment on how poor it is.

Would you like mine, on loan? I don't know which turned out better. But since you are in court with regard to this sort of thing, I'm more than willing to loan you mine. Just let me know by return mail. All I ask is that it be returned in a reasonable period of time, and I would like a copy of any transcript you make.

I am attaching a partial transcript of a fragment of the tape that interested me. It was not too difficult to get this much off the tape; so if you are finding it hard, then let me know and you can borrow mine.

Regards,



David Lifton