

Dear Jim,

4/22/74

With this tomorrow you will get Jimmy's 4/18 to me and my today's response

I write separately because I have found that if I ramble around they often do in response and drop little things that can in time assume some importance.

I don't know when or how you will find time, but there are several I think you should take up with Jerry.

One is getting a statement that includes a description and anything Hule said about his automatic phone tapping. If he does this and if he does not still have the tapes nothing is lost and there might be some benefit.

Another is a complete account, with copies, of his correspondence with McMillan plus any tapes he may have been able to make. Unless he has a phone in his room, it is not probable that he taped McMillan.

That George is able to use the phone again may be significant. Priscilla had clamped down on him, embarrassingly.

But we should know all that McMillan can honestly say and have some idea of what he can twist. Here I do not mean in his book as much as in person. He is bitter and vengeful now and he owes a debt to those for whom he would render services.

From the Enquirer we know of some kind of insane communication that actually praises that terrible article. If Jerry wrote, he has a copy. If he phoned, you should have his version of what he said.

From Jimmie I think you want an account of the beating to which he refers, by whom administered, date, etc. This could coincide with the claim made to Waldron that he was beaten by prisoners.

If this kind of thing seems not to be uncommon in prisons, there is an interesting kind of parallel in my interviews with those two who had been in his Memphis cell later.

The reference to Bob having said that Jimmy should permit himself to be examined by a shrink is worth some thought in part because of the timing, in part because it is not the first time he has spoken unwise without consultation and in part because as in the past he should have known better.

If you do any of these things and if you do write Jerry about the Enquirer affair, in your own gentle way I think it would be a good idea to tell him that you knew of the harsh exchange between us on it but that it also was unwise and that he really should not be doing things that can have consequences beyond his experience, that he is not a lawyer and has no way of seeing what a lawyer can in what he might regard as genuinely innocent. He has probably heard from Jimmy on this by now. There is always the chance he will learn, if he has not to date, and his potential for worse should not be ignored. Meanwhile, it will make a record that at some time may have to be used.

~~Wait~~ The time these insanity take!

Best,