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Dear No,

You've been away. I've tried to phone you several times on stroies having nothing to do with my writing. The one exception was yesterday. I spoke to Mack Smith who had John Crowdson phone later. Horrock was to have phoned after that and didn't. I did not leave home.

I had two purposes yesterday. One was the overt fraud of the first CBS special. The other was the real reason, as I see it, behind Levi's belated statement of a new look at the "ing assassination.

After John disclosed hangups and preconceptions, not lack of understanding, we conversed a bit and I wrote him. Because standing is uncomfortable still and my wife was busy I asked him to send you what I sent him only because you are his friend, he quoted you on the inaccurate if not improbable, and I think at some point he may need some help putting his head together and pulling it down closer to his neck.

In any event, until his mind opens on the assassination subject, not easy on the Times or with the pasts of most reporters, it is a waste of time I don't have to try to talk to him.

Levi's announcement of a new look at the King assassination is not spontaneous and uses what could not have been new inside DJ, last week's disclosures of Hoover's past. I believe the only thing reported about which I did not write six years ago is the late saint's personal part in pressuring King to move to where the job was done.

DJ can't help but know what Lesar and I have to take time with because they are involved on the other side is almost everything. Jim had the complaint drafted for my suit on what he is not talking about investigating himself. His prior court needs, already too much for one man, alone prevented filing the suit. Whether or not relevant, we discussed this several days ago and he told me that as soon as he completed and filed the appeal in my C.A.226-75, planned and needed for yesterday, he'd file.

I enclose the appeal, the last step necessary before filing, of which my wife made as clear a copy as my machine will make from yellow paper. This is what Horrock was to have called me about and didn't.

Aside from his own public relations the one thing I can see that can be accomplished by Levi's announcement is a basis for claiming the law-enforcement exemption when we file this complaint, probably tomorrow if Jim can get to court and can xerox the attachments.

If Smith is interested in the basis for my call you can give him this.

Because of John's attitude and Horrock's not calling me as he was supposed to, according to John, and because Lardner did use this when I phoned him later, I have made him the offers I would have made to you had you been around and planned to make to the Times. I don't know if the Post will do anything and if it does the only thing in it for me is more work for which I have no time. With what I have and know and what I can do with this suit even if as usual the press ignores it, too, there is the possibility of breacing the King case open. I can't predict the odds but I can predict the effort.