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Dear Oliver,

I was not able to get to today's mail until about dark. I'm writing this in haste in the hope that by going into Frederick I can make an outgoing mail and save a day. In the mail I had more bleating by that animated stupidity Jerry, who does not realize the significance of what he misinterprets and often is not clear in what he says. So, please also excuse the typos.

I gather from Jerry first that he has been subpoenaed for the same day as John, the last day, and that Auble aired a confession that he was leaned on to tell the committee that he robbed banks with John by a guy named Turley.

Jim Lesar was in court this morning in an effort to protect John. He has until Monday to file a brief. Without some substance his brief may not be enough. But a confession of this sort could be very important to John.

I was sure that when the committee scheduled John for the last day they were building up to something. Now that they have Jerry scheduled for the same time it is pretty clear what they are building up to. They'll read them both what others have testified to, get them to respond under oath and they'll have a conflict. So, they'll demand that DJ lay perjury charges on both.

If they have a handwriting expert testify that Jimmy did the map you got and they get Jerry to say he doesn't know anything about it the doors yawn wide for Jerry.

If they have people swear that they robbed banks with John and John swears he didn't rob any banks, John is back in durance vile.

If you have heard any more about what these assassins have lined up there is not much time for Jim to know if he is to be able to protect John.

If you can get whatever was aired on tape and get it to Jim he can get it filed in federal court with his John brief, which might help John and Jerry both but should be of help to John. (I do believe that John was framed on the bank charge on which he was put away.)

Jim's office is 910 16 St., NW, Suite 600, Washington 20005. His home, where he is sometimes in the mornings, is 1231 4 St., SW, 20024. The phones are 223-5587 and 484-6023. If you can send anything that reaches him before Monday do it to the home address. If on Monday, to the office. And thanks.

Your card on the tapes came today. I'm ignorant about these things, which is why I asked your advice. I suppose that all TDK are good quality, that LB is ~~best~~ best, and that Superior be good and safe or you'd not suggest it. The Superior price at \$4.25 if it is a good tape is better than the price I got in DC on BASF. The ~~AAA~~ Audua L price, unless it is for singles, is the same as the BASF price for the Performance line. If in quantity it is lower then your price is better. The Washington price was for 20 at a time. I guess my chief interest is in protecting the heads. I do not expect to use the Akai until I am away, which will not be for two weeks, except if Jimmy testifies, as is possible about the middle of the month, about 16 or 17. I have a couple of old ones I can use for him.

My hunch is that Lane poisoned Auble and thus Auble did not respond. But I think it gives you a notion of what Lane is that he knows Lesar is John's lawyer and he has not mentioned any of the Turley matter to Lesar.

Hope things going okay for you.

Sincerely,

Dear Oliver,

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If everything goes right the copying will be completed today and they will go to Davis and to you in the e.m. mail. I'll send you a copy of the covering note because I'll include a copy of the form from the phone company to you.

On that I think you should speak to your lawyer. If Wulf is as I believe with the ACLU he may see what I as a non-lawyer see, there is no legislative purpose in the subpoena and the phone company should not have complied with it. They violated your rights, mine for example, and those of all others to whom you spoke.

In this I believe the date is significant. It is the date of your press conference. This means that if the press conference is the cause Bantz had some blank subpoenas in his pocket. I believe that such a subpoena is invalid.

I'm sure that both Bantz and the FBI lied to you when they told you exposure was coming. That both had the same cover story is suspicious because it is false.

Do you know how they learned?

You did not give me the date but from what you said it was August 2 that they told you. I'm sure they knew earlier than that day.

The Akai got connected up last night in a jerryrig because the guys who did it got confused on what we wanted. They are going to try to figure out a simpler way, with a couple of jacks so I can do some plugging in for dubbing. But if I'm not going to be home my wife can tape the hearings for me if there is something I want to hear. The word I've received is that National Public Radio is going to broadcast and that public TV will only if and when Jimmy testified.

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