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Dear Bill,

After Jamie's last search I thought about where my Crawford file might be. I know I had one but don't recall whether it was under his name or the nickname Chastain gave him. If the latter I could, I think but don't recall suggesting to Jamie, have reversed egg and sausage. She can check there is she hasn't.

While some of my recollection may be unclear, I do not recall that Crawford was arrested. He might have been. I know he was questioned and what he said was checked out. He was a student who'd just gotten to Memphis, I'm pretty sure. And I think he was staying with an aunt. You suggest that picking him up might be some kind of cover. I don't see what would be covered. There just was nothing to it at all. It made no sense to me from the first and Chastain seems to remain pretty put out because I kept discouraging the attention he was giving it.

It is now lunch time. I'll phone Jamie when she may be available. I think she was expecting to get from you a list of what you wanted done. I've not heard from here since before their break.

Involving prelaws is a good idea but I've never found any interested. She may know of one. I take that back. There was one who did a fine study for a year of the "Strike and Invaders files I got but she got married and then pregnant and now works for the college. Fine woman, fine job. When I've sought student help I've always emphasized this to Jerry McKnight, head of history/polisci, and he sees the value to students planning to go into the law. (McKnight is getting the Pocam files, slowly.)

Hope you get here soon, as you suggest. The only day I'll be away as of now is the 13th. I go back to Johns Hopkins then for the stitches to be removed from the eye.

I had an interesting call yesterday from one of the Morton Downey producers, Goldsmith. He is persuaded of Ray's innocence and wants to go further, perhaps on the show, perhaps in other ways. Wants to come here. He asked me if I'd like to be on the show and I told him no. So he is coming to see me. I suppose with a camera crew, we'll see. He might even have had a book in mind.

I do but I'm not up to it. Can't stand in front of the files to search them and can't handle the stairs often in any one day. I laid the draft of a book aside in 1975 and haven't been able to return to it. Can't bring myself to do the ~~rest~~ ^{rest} off the top of the head when I have what I have.

Best wishes,

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Dear Harold,

Thanks for your note and assistance.

1. Any additional information you have on Crawford would be useful. Jensen has been adamant for 20 years that the arrest was in his place, following his phone call and by plain clothes detectives. The arrest of Crawford might thus be a cover.
2. I may be misinterpreting Jensen's statement.
3. I would appreciate Jamie continuing and ~~like~~ send on additional work. I would also be interested in involving any of her student colleagues who are interested in law or legal research, for this

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assistance is also needed
if possible. I hope to see you in the
near future. Best wishes,

Bill