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Mary, Gary, Dick, Howard only-Paul knows:

We have so little good news, in the brief time before a phone call is due, following which bed, I share some with you. I got the news just as we were leaving for a rare away-from-home dinner.

To recall the comment of a Secretary of State I held in less high esteem than most, "We were eyeball to eyeball, and they blinked".

We have won the first suit under the Freedom of Information Act because the government did not dare face me in court, with what I have. They phoned Bud late this afternoon to tell him they are delivering what they denied existed, what I asked for and they said if they had would be immune. I think, with luck and care, we may make something of it, therefore, in order to control the possibilities, I ask that none of you spread this if it reaches you before there is reference in the press.

We have Bud to thank for this, for he not only undertook it but he also followed it well and vigorously.

The society in which we live has become so corrupt that, based on what Mary and I learned in school, we'd assume this is of great significance but now it is impossible to predict.

If granpaw may offer an opinion, the secret is push, push, push; do not ommpromise needlessly-and get a steel girdle, for the guts do quake from time to time.

I cannot be happy that the book by means of which this was accomplished is unavailable. I can be happy that we have set at least one precedent, probably more, and that the information I am to get, if properly used, can be a major and a legal sensation, and, as you know, the concomittant project on which I worked for a year materialized in time for us to be the courtroom users. If that comes to pass, one of you can throw me a party with a three-layer cake.

As is clear, I feel good about this. I hope it will be followed by more like it. However, one of the old concerns of our existence has just become an immediate and pressing problem, and I may have to slow down on some. However, panel next.

If there are those of you who have doubted my motive or wisdom in asking that I be allowed to maintain control over those things that are mine, originate with me or are the fruit of my labor, I hope this amy help you believe my purposes are as stated and not for personal gain.

I do not expect either Justice or State to issue a release saying Goliath has capitulated because he sees David. But, maybe there will be a word before possible <u>other</u> court use. I have discussed this briefly with Bud and we agree on certain things, beginning with the call I await.

Let us look forward to more.

Best regards,

Hal