Dear Jim, 75-1996 - impressions after examining thru Serial 1050; future 12/13/76

We are in accord in agreeing to let this take its course now and where we might be able to do something, as with Green, letting that ride a while long. We really have no choice from time alone and it will build a better, an incredible record.

At some point we can file quite an affidavit. I am not certain what specifics I would now want to include. We will have to take some time to think through many aspects, priorities, possibilities and developments as best we can anticipate them.

I am certain of some things. One is to press for the files other than those ~~xxxxxxx~~ in the FBI HQ index/files. Not only in terms of the evidence I have sought but also in pressing for what is in three filed officies in particular, Memphis, Atlanta and Birmingham. Of course Washington and probably Los Angeles. In this order.

These records reflect what the bums are withholding, did not let into the central FBI HQ files and what we can be sure are in the field office files.

Before I forget, I think it may be significant that you had no request to see Ray from OPR at DJ until the morning of the day the Supreme Court rfused cert. Almost like they were wired in.

Ecept for archival value, which is fantastic, most of what we have gotten is junk. Do not object to this not only because it will make a remarkable archive but because it is buried in junk that I have found jewels. Kind of like beauty in the eye.

The two larger operations were laundry marks and Galts with all possible spellings.

Lil has been helpful in doing most of the recopying for me. I have not taken any copies from the working set. Those I want to have readily available I have a separate copy of now. I'll review and mark today's tomorrow. I'm a little tired now. Not from the 14.9 miles on the exercycle (the missing .1 because Lil called me to supper) but from the hours. I've been getting up earlier than my usual early. In a few minutes I'll relax with a broadcast of the Preservation Hall band from N.O. and then bed.

We will also want to see who makes what moves now, like the committee and DJ. I would guess that until the time in which you can go back to the Supreme Court expires you are still the only counsel of record.

With the committee you now have a record as with DJ, if that is not written.

There are many things we cannot control, sometimes influence. No point in knocking heads for nothing. We do better to stick to what we can do.

12/14. I took in some of the decisions coverage. I'll write you about it and a few things I spotted in going over the records after I take in the early part of the ABC-TV a.m. news to see if they used Garcia's interview with you.

I feel good and hope you do. We knew the odds were this way. And that experience with the Preservation Hall TV broadcast gave me a lift. It was at Wolf Trap and it is the kind of popular music I have always liked. And the kind of musicians, ordinary people who probably began as stevedores, even cotton-pickers or cane-cutter. All but one were at least my age. They have finally integrated it - one white musician who did well with a tuba that could barely accomodate him. I enjoyed ~~them~~ those young people all participating, marching and dancing all over the place onto the stage and around the musicians, hugging and kissing them to where the old boys whose instruments are portable were marching all around while they tootled. It got to Lil, who was in her office working. She came out to watch as well as listen.

The Rays do not change so don't expect anything and if there is any change let it be a pleasant surprise. I got an Xmas card from Jerry yesterday. We have already made the correct shifts and if our timing has not been good on some of what we should have done we do have a good record with a good potential, one good enough to offset the anticipatable evils ahead.

Best,