Dear Jerry,

8/6/80

My listening to your tape of the first ended when I came to those agonized noises you call music, so if you had anything after that, I've not heard it and won't.

On the FBI trying to get you indicted for the Alton job and the US Attorney at Springfiled refusing, I'd like copies of those records to use as a means of getting more of them released. The FBI plays games with filing and file numbers and unless you've fought them as much as I have you never learn the wheres and whyfors, as nobody ever does completely.

Oliver did send me the clipping on Jimmy's suit, thanks.

On the FBI's asking John about a man named Middleton, that came back to me later. I can tell you why. They think Middleton is involved. Right after the Jordan job a reporter asked me about Middleton and some small church he has. So I figured that the FBI had put it out.

On Jimmy's suit, I saw no story about his knowing who paid for the King job even if he doesn't know why did it. Is that in his suit and in a news story?

On John and the handwriting sample, I don't know why his public defender lawyer told him to give the samples or he'd drop the case, but it can't be that the FBI needs any samples, so it does not appear to be because the FBI wanted them. If the charge is not a federal charge, as his being kept in a county jail indicates, maybe the local prosecutor wants samples and the sheriff isn't letting on that he's intercepting all of John's mail?

The FBI may be careful about what it lets the locals have because some of it might kick back on them. They probably obtained most of John's writing samples in improper ways, as by copying his correspondence while he was in federal jails.

John did not tell me that he had a job of that he had $150 coming to him when he was arrested. I don't know why he doesn't want them to know where he was working. It seems to me that if he had a job it is apparent he did not have to rob a bank to get by on.

I didn't know that Mark's New Orleans law practice was fulltime. He can be doing pretty well with that because they have plenty of crooks there and his special flair for showmanship is of a kind other than is well-known down there. His introduction through the Pena case may have attracted others to him.

He appears to have been representing the Iranian students the Immigration Service arrested because a reporter called me and asked me how to get in touch with him. He went to New York after they were shifted there. I didn't have any numbers but I told the reporter about Memphis and if he wasn't there to ask for April and to check with New Orleans information.

You lack any sense of the ridiculous. You spend most of your time complaining about and trying to explain away what you set yourself up for with that Washington Star reporter and then try to tell me that you are a master of the press!

This isn't the heat getting to you. It is the real you - as always, never learning.

Sincerely

By the way, I heard some time ago that the pie man is working on another book. I don't recall how I learned it but if he gets in touch with you again don't forget all those brilliant things you pulled on him and how smart you were - to set yourself and your whole family up.