Dear Jerry, 1/15/80

Because you had so much less bullshit in yours of the 11th, which came yesterday, I am able to reply promptly. Tuesday's I have a blood test and not to have to wait a long time I get there early. So I was listening as I drove there and as I returned home and heard it all before getting home.

You say that Mark, Pepper and Auble, who has taken a leave of absence from his TV job, are hot on the trail of Raoul and that it will get Jimmy a trial by the end of the year. Well, Im sure hope that they come up with something other than another Cowden. I'm not sure that now identifying Raoul will get Jimmy the trial but I am sure that a correct identification is a very good thing.

As soon as I can after I get your FBI records when Jimmy sends them I'll go over them. I may not be able to fill in names as well as you and he can but if I see anything I'll let you know. You say they are mostly bank robbery records. Well, maybe that can be of some help to John. The FBI is trying to lay another series of them that it has not solved on him.

On Raoul, you might want to remember that Jimmy is now back to where he was in 1971, when I had some leads on Raoul and wanted some infor from him and he refused it. You have some knowledge of this. I stopped off to see him once when I was on the way to New Orleans to do some investigating and I could get nothing from him. In those days I had good connections, including with officials who did not like the FBI. I could have gotten some help from them and from some cops I knew. After nine years it seems that Jimmy has finally decided to do what he should have done before we were in court, when he had his best shot. Anyway, I hope it works out well.

On John, Jim has filed an appeal for the records that are still withheld. We did not get all of them. As you may have seen, DJ has decided to take another look at the HSCA's scrap about a St. Louis consciracy. I don't think this will mean any morenthan reviewing what HSCA published. I think I did them in on their side conspiracy of John as bank robber, with you along for the ride. I'm sure DJ won't touch that nonsense now. Only the Byers stuff.

Your note and the tape both continue your boyish boasting about how tough you are. If it is true it makes no difference, doesn't interest me a bit, and makes you look like a baby. Real men don't have to go around shouting how manly they are and real men don't do it.

Sincerely,

Jan 10, 80.

Dear Hon. Harold,

I'am just typing a brief note to inquire about the two clippings i sent you, and asked you to return them.

One Clipping was from the Nashville Newspaper, and it was about James offering to exchange himself for the American Hostages in Iran.

The other clipping was from the Des Moines Register, and it was a profile on James lifestyle and thinking.

Hoss expect prompt replys to his letters, and prompt return of clippings that he mails you.

Hoss also relizes that you and Lesar has been busy on John case, as hoss can gather that much from the stories being written in the St;Louis Post-Dispatch.

Hoss just want to remind you about my last Tape and the two clippings, as i realize from expierence if a person puts something off for a peroid of time then he might forget about what was sent to him.

You should have received a letter from James about a week ago, as he told me that he was going to write you a letter requesting some assassistance concering the FBI & Assassination Committee, at least i beleive that is what he was going to write you about.

There isnt much new going on at this end.

I might have to have my Arm checked or xrayed, as i copped a sunday punch on a big Hoosier Monday, Jan 7. And i have trouble moving my hand now, i'am hoping it will go away by itself, if it dosent go away by itself in another couple of days, then Hoss will have a Doctor to look at it.

I hit this hoosier to hard, i beleive i told you before that i usually don't put all of my strength in a punch because my body is to powerful for my arms.

I'am and easy going guy, but every once in awhile i have to punch some sucker out to keep my reputation intact, and to make sure everybody shows proper respect to Hoss.

I'll sign off for now and get this in the mail.

Sincerly

Hoss.