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Dear Howard,

Your letters dated from the sixth through the ninth, with the Alyea negatives (okay on no contacts), came today. I'll be less definitive in answer to some of your questions for a reason I'll explain:

I've been too close to natur today. We had a flood, and my neighbor's entrance and part of his driveway wound up on what I like to consider my front lawn, along the road. I had to get it off, and to wheel it up to the house in the wheelbarrow, which is not easy for anyone and was tough for me, what with it being all uphill and the lane stoney. I was about pooped from this when Lil discovered the latest animal extension of our hospitality- a woodchuck trying to tunnel into her office. Well, that hadnto be stopped, so I filled up the two tunnels he had dug. I'd left a box there for Lil to put stones in when she planted the flowers in the bed I'd worked up. She didn't get around to it and he developed a taste for cardboard. We'd been watching him play with the box, when he wasn't eating it, until it dried off enough to walk around there.

After a letter such as you wrote Skolnick, you put soap in your mouth, take a physic and cross yourself, but if it was excessive, I think that also made it better. He'll love it.

Shirt picture: I've gotten more, but I still want those of Archives, specifically and generally, as a matter of making them do right. I think a comparison between the one I saw there and the ones I got from Kleindienst will be informative. The thing is the principle, however, and I've already drafted a complaint against CBA, Arch and Marshall. This, you see, also goes to a different area of A responsibility and a different one on suppression, as perhaps you have not understood. I've sent you other letters that may clarify. Don't worry about any enlargements, at least not now. I've made them of the X slits, as I told you. And I think you have an explanation of the 8/12 extension. They asked for it and Bud agreed, as he knew I'd want him to, because the more time they take, the more they do, the deeper they mire themselves and, as Bud is beginning to understand, the better the record they make for me. And of themselves, as I could not do for them....Fine on the cards. That's what I'd intended. At some time we can meld and bring this one up to date. I've not heard from the others on adding theirs.

Marcello: I think in this he's clean, unless the price is high, which I cannot judge. The land there is such the alternatives are limited. Either no road or it goes through his land. He's held it so long that cannot be crooked.

No connection between Nichols suit (no spectro in it) and whether or not this one goes higher. There is no chance the DJ will agreed to an adverse decision, nor will we. So, it is bound to go higher, as Bud anticipates. Unless they phoney up a new spectro and give me that.///Tie pictures: you are right, that junk I have does have some, but they'll not be clear when copied. Maybe I can get some from UPI...Fisher: the purpose was to confront him with this on the stand, looking forward to the day when he is a witness. And it is in this sense I said his writings are helpful...PMs sent...Nothing else new. Best regards,