Dear Jim, 6/3/75

The one fairly certain reading of your silence is that you do not have good news. When there was not the call-back I took it as negative. I still have received no letter and no call. From anyone at Playboy. If they have reached a negative decision I would want the copy back as fast as possible. I have needed it.

I would like to know what the situation really is because not knowing is an inhibition and my capabilities are limited enough.

In time we'll be together again and I'll tell you what they are missing. My situation is that I can't give it away.

Today we filed a motion to dismiss the affidavit filed by the FBI in my new spectro/NAA suit. In this affidavit I allege false swearing to the FBI, prove it, and ask the judge to determine whether or not it is perjury. I've done something else on the side but in the open.

If you have any friends in Missouri's FOIA operation they might want to look into what the government is up to and what I address in this affidavit. They are trying to rewrite the law in the courts again. They have an ally in the judge. This is one of the situations I address in this affidavit.

Jim and I will fight with vigor and without Bud's restraints and cowardliness.

But as of now we fight alone. I have no idea where the money for appeal will come from and it is certain to be necessary.

Suppertime I had a phone call from Sarah Patham at Rolling Stone. It rather surprised me because while I think the odds are so great against it as to be negligible I did propose a Nelin/Rockefeller Comission story that could be written now. The surprise was because of the improbability of their having anything to do with me. I didn't know anyone else who might consider it, I wanted to make some notes, so I combined the two.

Well, it had nothing to do with this. She wanted to check some quotes of me with me for a Ray story they have. I mean it is written. I asked her how come they have quotes when nobody had spoken to me. Her reply was that apparently the quotes of me are from the book. Again I was so surprised I didn't even say "Whoa! If you quote the book credit it, not me."

They have spoken to Livingston so God knows what the story is.

The story is by one Allen McRoberts. I've never heard of him. It was in hand and I don't even know why they called to check the quotes, which very likely are what I wrote in Frame-Up. They do represent my beliefs.

They were also interested in that suit, which is covered in the book.

As you probably know CBS is interested in the case. They have announced a special for November. One of their researchers spent about three hours with Jim today. It was all straight and proper. There in an opportunity here that is being missed. They were interested in the solid stuff, not the crap.

If they use that - and I'm not confusing the researcher with the CBS line - but if they use that, need I tell you that is the approach I suggested long ago? You had no control, of course. But I find myself wondering more all the time if insanity and lousy business judgements are prerequisite for management-level Playboy employment.

Sincerely,