11/6/70

Dear Paul,

Relet 4:I'll be either away for a day and a half 11/16 or in DC that day for a scheduled hearing, unless a tentative speaking engagement is confirmed. Otherwise, when I'm away for any time in the evening for the immediate future, it will be only briefly, on some kind of errand. Too much work for socializing.

At the risk of coaling Newcastle, you being a lawyer whereas I'm not, there are little-known laws that can be invoked in some cases. For example, if the tap had any federal connection, the possibilities of doing something civil may be better than you may think. I'm assuming your former associates are in a position where, should they want, personally, to be cooperative, their directions from DC may preclude this. I dare say that if you think back over your earlier career, you may recall assignments where, strictly speaking, you were not engaged in law enforcement investigations. This is the general area of possibiliy.

I assume further that, especially with the recent expenditures, what you are up against is larger than city hall....The secret of judo is to use the enemy's strength against him. Maybe it is possible.

Before getting back to deadline work: I hope you are making notes on the book we once dicussed. In the near future I expect to be with an old friend who produces and arranges for movies. I'd like to discuss it with him, not for the immediate but to get an appraisal of what I can describe only in the vaguest terms. With the changes, the caution I gave you a while back is, I think, no longer a real concern-and the timemay be now.

Good luck,

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Dear Howard

Am on my way out of town on an unexpected trip to Oregon if ever do want to talk to you and I will try to call you on the way somewhere - Don't give up on me - I think we need to compare notes - I have tried to push the Nixon adm. on the wire tap. So far all we have had is a Grand Jury and no report out yet. So it's got to be Politics -

Best regards

Paul

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Dear Harold

Your letter greatly intrigued me and I very much want to talk to you. I had planned a trip to Washington for next week. Unfortunately my mother is critically ill and we need to be available for a court setting next Friday. I may go to a phone booth & call your station to station after 6 PM my time one day next week & I am thinking of next Tuesday. I won't give you any name but just start talking.

Best regards

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