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Dear Paul and Gary,

I now have in my possession what may turn out to be the most important single thing we have, what I had been repeatedly assured in writing does not exist, and a few other helpful things - not from the Archives. This will, I hope, be a beginning, not the end of such material. However, I am going to assume that those who provided it do not know that I understand what it says and means. I am not going to make immediate use of it. I plan to keep it entirely secret until we get into court. I do not think it will be physically possible for me to have it in a book by then, although I shall make the effort. I am extremely anxious that it not get to be known that I have this material or its source. It marks the first valuable product of a very long and unpleasant effort.

Therefore, I am writing in advance of sending you copies, to elicit from you the promise you will neither mention it to anyone, unless Paul believes it is important for Jim to know, in which event I expect him to abide by the same restriction Obviously, it is necessary for my lawyer to know, so I will also be telling Bud. Upon receipt of your assurances, I will be sending you copies. I will look forward to any comment and suggestions you may have, especially along the same lines. I will also be sending you my further correspondence relating to this, some reservations. I do want to share this with you, but I also do not want to have to concern myself with what I regard as essential security.

By the time you can respond, I hope I'll be in a position to make copies. Apparently the difficulty with my machine has been discovered, but the machine has also been taken away, to the shop, for whatever repair it needs, for that cannot be made here.

On another matter, I have been in touch with N.O. to learn if and when I can expect a response to my inquiries, of which you both have copies. I am especially interested in O'Sullivan. Jim is back in the hospital, under traction, the two weeks thus spent during the campaign having been wasted. At the end of three weeks of this treatment they may know whether surgery is required. It turns out this was the largest vote he ever got. I have not gotten any response because they are still busy helping others in the runoff, on the q.t., I take it. Moo sounded pooped. He will relay my questions to Louis, who is the only one who can get that or who might have it. Louis has a hangup. He think O'S is a real fine guy.

Best,