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Dear Gary,

Your letterx 23 explains more about Ned than you or he had earlier. I did not understand that he had active business interests. These, of course, would limit what the most willing man can do.

Those things for which you asked, Joesten letter, etc, PH has all of them can can supply them easier and cheaper. I'm almost out of copying paper and the $35.00 is always a problem.

The point you miss on Bud and the CTIA is do we cope with it as best we can? Can we survive this kind of thing indefinitely? Does ot make everything we have done a futility? Unfortunately, as with JG, it has always fallen my lot to make the effort. I suppose this is the one that will end that. If I had back the time I've wasted on such endeavors, I'd have several books written that now are not, for whatever good it does to write them.

I disagree with you in general, not in this specific case, on "new Spurces". It was pretty late in the game when I got some of my best stuff. However, were my nerves in better shape, I'd rather enjoy the challenge of this new one, for it may be one of the rare workings of the Department of Disinfirmation ifx addressed to me if it is not real. Perhaps time will tell. I've dealt with him rather severely and told him to come clean or cut out. He said he would do t he latter, then agonized, then called, then said he'd put it all on paper, and since silence. There are not a half-dozen critics, if that many, who could have invented what he has fed me, so if he does not have the sources he says he has, he is being fed. In fact, taking the whole ball, there is no single critic who could have fed him what he has given me, for there are areas in which nobody else has worked and could not have, and I had to check back into the files of the past to find that one is what none of us had but I thought I did, and it is for real. Something we'd all missed in our earlier writing for legit reasons and I'd found by accident in something not then available. Without exception I know of no critick who knows this for I never communicated it. That kind of thing is pretty hard to invent. He couldn't have. Reality is the question, but I've told him I'm not taking the time to probe. I'm not.

Instead,I've been writing. I had planned to do two shorter chapters than came out, of AGENT OSWALD, for a submission where the subject is considered dead. Until Lil retypes the second one, I'll not be able to make an accurate word estimate. but my hunch is that I've done more than 20,000 words.

With the experience with F-U's publishers, I decided the thing to do is address the work I want to do, get it done, etc. Jerry wants me to do TIGER now, and in commercial terms he may be right. But with the current interest in FBI reports, I had a notion this might be attractive. I think it can be exciting, and if one of these specialized things goes, perhaps we can accomplish something. The real question is the corruption of all media. F-U is not exception, nor is its publisher. I think that of all the pressures, this is the new one, the disappointments all around, that is most depressing.

There have been other troubles, like a bad fire at our old place, but I find I take that with equanimity. We go to Wilmington today for a hearing tomorrow on an effort to geet money owed me. With an honest judge there will remain the technicalities of the law, about which I do not deceive myself. My mother also had surgery and we expect to get to Phila. to see a sister whose daughter is being confirmed. On the noise suit, I wrote the judge a letter that reached him, copy to USAtty, whose most junion man, assigned to the case, phoned to apologize for not coming when he was supposed to and setting a new date for this coming Wednesday. Here there is hard futility to live with, but I think I can. If I could reach the ecologists they'd help, for we can establish new precedents with this case if it does go to court.

I'll have to quit some to make [illegible] with us. He, [illegible] concerned. And I've gotten him interested in the political aspects. He s doing a paper on them and he is here going over some of my TIGER data. He's taking a big stack with him today, to get it copies at school in Phila. He'll return with us for more work. He lives in Phila. Nernabei will be here in a couple of weeks.

To the degree I cna do what I'd like to, my immediate plans are to try and get as much writing doe as possible with the other things I have to do. If I can find one or two bright young law graduates to help, I'll file more suits, where I've laid the necessary foundations. Long ago I reforngized that if many things were to get done, I'd have to do them. It is not news, if it is not encouraging. The question is simple, again: do I do them? Regardless of cost, I feel I must make the effort. The lonliness is the difficult part. That, added to the crippling poverty. No person of means, none of the many who also have a stake, has really, ever, turned on. There was only one time I really expected it, so that is not as depressing as you might think.

Patience I have developed. I am on the verge of a Ray breakthrough, but I'm just sitting back, waiting, knowing I must. With so many things that I ought do and can't, not being able to proceed with any one at any time is no special problem.

As I look back over the past 3-4 months, I suppose the most depressing of the new things, aside from)&D, is the total disinterest of all blacks and the total disinterest of all schools in any speaking. IUve had not a single request. After that SR review, this is not easy to comprehend except in terms that they do not care. Of course, it should have provided opportunities for carrying the word and a little income.

Another is the isolation. With a single law graduate to carry the ball, I could go to the FCC on fairness time with the major shows. The publisher should but won't, if for no other reason because he will not want to antagonize them for future books.

There are many possibilities, but I can't go after them all alone.

So, when I return, catch up with the mail, finish with the govt atty, I'll be giveing you and Paul an outlines, very short, of what I expect to do in the rest of A-O and asking specific suggestions. Here He'll be able to be of more help. The parts between what I've written plan to cover from his first letters to the assassination, everything bearing on whether or not he served intelligence interests and the covering up of each. The final cnpater will be an updating of what is in O in NO on the FBI investigation of it, the Commission's handling of that, etc.

Despite my agreement that TIGER is commercial and solid, I think I'll finish PM next. The my kind will be clearer for TIGER and the foundation, in my own mind and in the availability for publishing, should that eventuate, will be done. Plans, anytway.

On the shrinks, I hope to be able to locate them when the need comes. That will not be before fall at earliest, for final negotiations or for trial. My bes expert has disappear, perhaps died. But I think that if I get to court, I ll be able to pull this one for the judge seems honest. And the record is clear enough. Sorry you wont be able to get here this summer, for there are other ways in which you might have helped, but I think you must realize, as I think you have already begin to, that you must take care of your own life forst and this, above all, means not betting embroiled too deeply in the problems of others. One person can carry just so much.

Best,