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Dear Grary,

The crooked, crummy bastard against whom I'd filed suit for the $700 plus 4 yrs interest and who had by phone assured me Tuesday he'd see me in court today waited until yesterday, when he knew I'd be en roite, to get a lawyer and for the lawyer to get a postponement, notice of which could not have reached me in time had I lived next door to him. So, the case was postponed for 10 days and I wasted two and the cost of the trip. Howard returned with me.

I was about to leave to get Lil when Ned phoned to apologize for not having written me, ending me the check, etc., and to day that he was adding $60.oo, which was welcome news. While we were talking, I told him about the declassification and said if he'd not regard it was too forward, I was reminding him of his promise to help and suggest that this was a not expensive but meaningful way in in which to help. He asked me what would be involved and I said it there are 2,500 pages it would be $250 at the Archives and a little less than half that if, as I expect, others get them and I get copies of the copies of others. Either way he said, okay. So, if there is any delay, as I should know in the a.m., when Bud and Jim are due. If no arrangements have been made for the copying of the entire schmear, I'll do that by phone Monday. If Orch's copies are gone and Bud doesn't have, ditto. When you see some of the subjects declassified fied I think you'll better understand. Let me know if you do not have the list and I'll send, but if you have no immediate need, I think the inventory will be more meaningful, including thist, what they didn't list, and perhaps a brief ident. of description.

From one of my contacts I have some unconformed but rather exciting news on several fronts I'd better not go into in detail. It relates to LHO as I plan a book, the title the proper words to follow "as", one who did the "accosting", why, etc. The internal evidence is that the source knows what he is talking about because he refers to what is not known by most criticis. It makes sweatt real.

I also mentioned to Ned the Army intel. possibility and he said he'd talk to you, as I suggested...Before I left Jerry phoned and described your "vacation" to me... Jonn Christan ckaims to have solved the RFK killing, to have a movie in the works and to be leaving the country by the time it iw completed. He apparently feels he is in danger and that it will end when he is out of the country, a rather disingenuous concept of determined killers or avengers... Chiefly I wanted to let you know of Ned's call. Best H