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Dear Gary,

Yesterday I had a confirmatory call from the Lou Gordon Show. As you may recall it is in Detroit. They are to call me soon with the date. They will pay my expenses to and from Detroit. This gets me a large part of the way tomyou and I would like to be able to talk to you if you van shake yourself lose for perhaps a day, perhaps the balance of the day'd I'd get there and maybe a little of the morning/ following, after which I would want to get a plane that would have me in downtown washing not much after 3 p.m. I have a friend who generally does to Washington (today he did not) who leaves any time beginning at 4. I make it a practisenever to keep him waiting. If I get to DC a little ahead of time there will be what Jim and I can discuss until my friend is ready. He comes to Jim's office when that is possible, otherise he calls there and tells me where to meet him.

I will be doing a show on the King assassination. This means I'll have with me what would enable me to do the same kind of think in Mpls if any of your TV friends would want that. My only interest in this would be if they'd pay the extra fare. In return I would give them what had been secret to air, what I have been obtaining from those suppressed files. Frankly, I'd rather not take that time, would rather spend it with you, but the cost is a factor. While I now have this extra cost, I also face some very large additional expenses in the FOIA suits and more soon, on the personal fiels on me. I have received some incredible ones from State, incomplete but definitive and Nazi-like. This does mount up. If I had not received a couple of honoraria and two donations I'd never have been able to give jim the approx. $4,000 I have this year. I'm pleased it was able to toal close to this but I also cangt expect it all the time.

You should also know that what will be in my mind is what all those of your field to whom I've talked refuse to go into. I do not beliege this is because it is impossible, even questionable. Rather is it that they all cop out on the practical. I will want guidance on dos and don t, what can have some possibility of being useful,or helpful and what cannot. What you last wrote me is perhaps the most helpful thing yet. It is common sense and it makes sense. It hold some reassurance for me because it is close enough to what I have figured out for myself.

Between what I learned from you and a present capacity to ignore almost all affronts we have had a period of what for us is long tranquility. That tranquility is a blessing to me is perhaps an evaluation of the actualities of the situation.

I am more tense today because I've decided to cold turkey cigarettes. I'll have none shortly. There have been insulting things of several weeks duration. I have ignored them and been pleasant. A new one a little while ago was too much. So Iasked, quietly, do you have any concern for how I will feel or react to something like this, for my feelings at all. The answer "Why" was too much. I made no attempt to restrain my anger I could feel my blood pressure going up but I let it all pour out Of the dos and don'ts that I believe may not be outside your experience, in which I perhaps have more faith than your training, I believe some insight into a way of addressing this endless creation of situations that are inevitably insulting and contemptuous - and are now natural and spontaeous on Lil's part- might be one.If not there are still others I think you might perceive not only from your experience but from your non-involvement.

Basically this is what I have in mind. I do not know how far in advance these shows are scheduled. It may not be for a month or so. If you can do this I'll let you know as soon as I have the schedule. Hope you have a good year ahead.