Dear Gary, 6/8/77

Yesterday the House assassins committee had Loran Hall before them in a show effort that apparently ailed. I had written Jim a letter on it when he called me so I'll send you that copy. This will not be compeletely explanatory to you. I can add, briefly, that my experiences with them are all bad, satisfying me that they are not for real, not honest, not capable, and note likely if they can reform to have any credibility. I thus have nothing to do with them. With Hall they behaved particularly badly and without any need. They made an agreement with him through my good friend (and good reporter) Art Kevin for two of the staff to interview ~~him~~ him in Art's presence and then insisted on having no witness. While Hall would not accept that they serviced him with a subpoena executed a week earlier, which all of us took as advance indication of intent and bad faith.

I recall your interest in that matter, one of the reasons I write.

Another is the lingering Alvarez matter, about which I have been in touch with Paul.

There are some strange things about this Hall business, not all explained by the ignorance, irresponsibility and media-madness of the committee. One that troubles me is part of a story you may recall. Although I was not aware of it and had not asked for it- and would not have- a stranger from whom I've seince heard off and on did a black bag job on Hall for me. His partner later became frightened and the storu I was given is that what they stole was destroyed. One of the items, an addressbook of Hall's, is in the committee's poesession, from what ~~[illegible]~~ they told him and his lawyer.

Paul has been pretty informative on the Alvarez matter. We have had disagreements and have not been in touch. But after I saw the Alvarez statement on his 1975 crap that his work on it was supported by ERDA I filed an FOIA request with ERDA and asked Paul for more information. It is Paul's beliefs that ERDA really had no connection with that project. Maybe Nobel laureates are this way, file a "legal notice" when it is not applicable. However, I have other information, not about ERDA, that makes me unsatisfied. I can also see that this is a cause of embarrassment for Paul. So I am asking if you know anything of this of the past. Anything Paul may have told you that could shed any light on this.

I'll be gone for a while. I leave for Dallas Friday. From there I expect to go to the west coast briefly. I'll be gone about two weeks or so.

Save that my physical strength is not what it was things are as they have been, more or less peaceful, with my main concentration now on King records I'm obtaining.

Hope you had a good vacation.

Best,