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Dear J.B.Stoner,

Please excuse the poor carbon. It is of some carbon sets that were left over and given to me instead of being thrown away.

I am sorely troubled by Jimmy's insane course and its really unfortunate timing. If you have any questions and would prefer to talk to another lawyer, Jim Lesar will know by a carbon of this and my enclosed letter to Jimmy. He could not be more self-destructive if that were his intent.

If I may presume to advise a lawyer I suggest that you temporarily ignore what Freed has written, enclosed, in the Black Panther paper. The more they say the better. My experience with these running dogs of errant government is that if they are not challenged they blab more. I think we now want them to blab their heads off first. I am certain this is where Jimmy's interest now lies because it will become necessary to save him from his own stupidities his unfounded feeling of self-importance led him into.

I knew when this outfit first phoned you from their blabbing. If not before then at that time I got in to warn Jimmy. who knew better, he thought. Unfortunately, Jimmy can't stand anybody who does not tell him he is Blackstone reincarnated and I do so tell him. Sometimes with considerable vigor.

Jimmy's attitude and his practise of this wrong-headed belief have been a serious problem in trying to help him. He has done ~~ka~~ nothing I can recall to be of any real help and he lives just to make unnecessary problems. He, too, has done his blabbing, particularly about the area over which you once cautioned me against spinning my wheels.

If you have any Los Angeles area people I would appreciate it if you could have them monitor the talk shows on which these people do spill their guts and the "underground" publications. I believe it is now important that I keep up with them and know what they are up to, what they say Jimmy said, etc.

In the current issue of Skeptic Lane says what Foreman ~~kxz~~ and the Memphis prosecution say, that Jimmy copped a plea to escape a death sentence and on a deal that obviated his naming co-conspirators.

You wanted to know the committee situation. A couple of days ago in a Washington TV show I did not catch, Panorama, Tip O'Neill virtually forecast its end. The odds now are against it. The odds also are, I believe, that if it is not entirely ended it will be reconstituted by a new resolution, which will oust Gonzalez within the scheme of the House, and that this resolution might well limit the committee to the King assassination.

As I see the realities of the present situation, and I think Jim agrees, the political needs of the Griffin Bell people may make them the best chance. I think they are as a beginning point after the so-called task-force report.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg