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Dear Martin,

Thanks for the suggestion re Gonzalez. If I thought it would or could accomplish anything I'd have been there long ago. I've been on the Hill. I used to work there. I know the hangups and don't for a minute believe that Gonzalez can overcome them. Or at this point make a real dent in them. I spent some time on the Hill on this in the past. Agreed that the situation has changed. But also with other new problems to be overcome.

My present need is not for a speech on the floor or for him to get me evidence.

As I see them I have two needs: survival and using the enormous amount of new evidence I have obtained. Getting published. Getting time to write more that is new.

Survival takes two forms, the one you made a crack about, not having something happen to me; and being able to continue. I am without ~~xxxxxxx~~ resources. In its basic forms life is hard for me.

I give no thought to the first and those who can make the second possible haven't and I have no reason to believe will.

There are foundations to support everything - else.

If I continue with the efforts I've made I'll be able to do nothing else. So I have made the least attractive but I think the most sensible choice: just continue doing what I've been doing as best I can.

Meanwhile, I don't think any foundation or person or means is going to come to me and my past experiences have taught me that it is both a waste of time and an extra frustration and futility to go to them.

While I would not suggest that what I've been doing would, were it to receive attention, remedy the ills of the world, I do think that it has much to do with the fact of these ills and that if power paid some attention it might be a beginning of an effort to correct some of these ills.

However, I am not dispirited about this. If I were I'd quit and have more fun. Do other things. Maybe make some money. Instead I hope that at some point there will be some realization that what I do is of real value and merits some meaningful help.

The suggestion that I take a set of books to Gonzalez is a good one. First time I can get to the Hill I'll do it.

Meanwhile, I hope the time comes when you can get here for a few days. I think that I can show you enough to make what may seem inexplicable understandable, including my thinking and approach, and much stuff that might in itself interest you.

Hope this copy of the book reaches you. I did send you one as soon as I got back.

Best regards,

JWL. Martin still talks about "that night we all got drunk." As you know I wasn't. I don't think Henry was, either. Unless he had been boozing for hours before he joined us. Anyway, Martin says "I think Henry has a new respect for you" and now for the first time thinks I'm a "human being."