

4/21/72

Dear Paul,

Hope it was a good vacation.

When there was a further development on one of the stories of which I phoned you, Mintz' piece, I left word for him, Karnow is on it, he called me back, I told him what I'd have told you, it seems to have interested him, and he apparently has never heard of the Special Curse. However, I forgot to tell him of what I'd included in a note to you.

Another call was relative to the CA hearing on my spectro suit, No. 71-1026 there. Danaher seems to have done his homework, and were it not for this Special Curse and had there been an understanding reporter there, there might have been a Kleindienst story at the best of possible times. His lie to us is what interested Danaher. We gave him a memo in a did after the three of us got together after the hearing. I do not yet have a copy. I asked that one be sent you. He asked for that memo.

When I finally got a copy of the government's memo, also asked for by Danaher, I spotted several things Jim and Bud seem to have missed. I phoned Bud, who was ill and about to leave town, he asked me to draft a draft of a memo for him to file in response, and it is done and on the way. Again, I asked that a copy be sent to you.

I don't know if anything can overcome this Special Curse, but this time the Department of Justice, whose Acting Attorney General is Richard Kleindienst, has certified to a federal appeals court that Deputy Attorney General Kleindienst is a liar. Once I had thought there was news interest on this question.

In fact, if I didn't know better, I'd have thought it news when a federal appeals-court judge read Kleindienst's words on two points and then Mitchell's contradictory words, both in open court and when it is clear that K is untruthful.

I have a whole series of interesting letters from inside another prison, if you ever want to see them. From two men I've never seen.

I'll be in DC 24,25 for medical appointments, again 5/5, leave on trip 5/6.

James is in the hole again. Apparently I hear from him each time it happens. His time he tells me he was moved four times in a single day and when he refused the fourth time he was charged with refusing to obey a legitimate order. I'll be seeing him soon. I may not be able to learn how much of what is true, but he is a masochist or he is legit in alleging that for a reason he has not fathomed the heat is on again. Are they trying to justify a sign in every Brushy Mt. cells reading "James Earl Ray was here"?

Do you know a good, trustworthy reporter in St. Louis and/or Kansas City, Kan.? I'm not looking for a story on me but someone I can entrust with what ^{may} develop into a good story.

When I'm in St. L 5/7, I'm to do a show with Stoner and Frank!

Wanna have some fun? Read Hossiter's piece on the British commission in today's Post and substitute in the Commission's name. Some editor is getting careless at your place to let such subversion of all decent journalistic principles slip through.

Best,