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Dear Jim,

Faced with but few alternatives, none not unpleasant, I am gradually coming to believe it is possible that Paul is sick. I can face no other alternative to the incredible, that he is corrupt, since he denies pressure.

I wish Hal could spend some time with him, not probing and prodding, just seeking clues by watching and listening, for if Paul is sick, we should help him, if possible and if, as my limited experience indicates not probable, he will seek or accept help.

If Hal is not extremely subtle, this will be a futility. I suggest the best approach may be the most open, to say he has heard questions from me, that I have said I'm ~~disturbed~~ because this is, to me, so unlike Paul or anything I'd expect of him, that he wants to go over all of it with Paul. And then do that. Among the things we could then learn is Paul's response to his own irrationalities, etc.

If it is not asking too much—and it you think it would not make him wary — if you could find a delicate way of having them both over and it wouldn't be too much of a burden on the two of you, I think your years of experience (for which nothing substitutes) could be very helpful. There remains the extremely unlikely, that there is more to this than we have yet been willing to consider.

We lost my suit for the spectrographic analysis (fortunately, entirely unreported) Monday. While I think it unlikely we could have prevailed with that judge, we did not do as well as we could have and the courtroom work was poorer than mine would have been. The sole question before the court was the government's motion to dismiss. We will appeal. The only record we have is that the government so kindly gave us. It is not too bad, with a decent appeals panel. I'll have a copy of the transcript soon. There was one worthwhile development we should not do anything about until we file the appeal. I'll be doing an analysis of the transcript and will go into it then. I am content that in the remaining case I'm my own attorney. The one thing I can assure is a record, which in every case I will make in the complaint. Paul has a copy of my first in which I represent myself, and their answer. I'm filing more papers tomorrow and will send...Other work, which there is no time to report, is quite productive. I am, gradually, assembling a total and irrefutable documentary destruction all over again, this time with the withheld.

Best regards,