

Dear Jim,

7/7/76

Since yesterday I've wanted to seek your advice on what to do/not do about something I'll come to. I'd decided to spend today cleaning up as much as possible. There is so much very much does not show. Finding the carbon of my letter to you on hearing the good Je news reminded me again.

Lane appears off on at least one new kick that can't have any factual basis and becomes another disinformation operation. All I know is what I've been told. No stories here as indeed there ought not be. If you see any on his allegation that Bringuier did the PR work for LHO I'd like to see it. Or if you tape it. Lane really knows very little about the subject. He has Bringuier setting up the TV coverage for Oswald at the time of their fracas when the bout with Bringuier was the week before, same day of the week, Friday, and the last thing the CIA would have done is use Bringuier for that purpose. Or the last thing Oswald needed. He had even the unlisted number of station personnel.

Art Kevin told me of having seen but not kept some wire copy saying Ruby actually got to see Castro!

If it is crazy enough it'll get out.

Will Lane go for the Ruby crap? Tune in before the next live mike.

I don't know how fully I've been able to fill you in with carbons or how many you have interest in or time to read. They represent developments real, expected or being worked on. I'm working toward out being able to file based on the personal files. At the same time I'm working toward perfecting the information for the current suits. The CIA has made gestures toward organizing files by numbers and thus perfects the record of non-compliance. We will begin drafting interrogatories for them to answer this week. Jim will be up tomorrow or the next day on it.

DJ keeps careful records. Yesterday Jim told me of receiving a letter from the Deputy AG on one of our December steps in CA 75-1996, filed in November. We've had five or six status calls. So the day the judge really lays them all out the Deputy's deputy wrote Jim telling him they are considering our appeal and if we won't wait we can, of course go to court! Where we've had him on it for more than six months. This is the King evidence case.

On the Ray side of this my non-CIA, entirely domestic psychological profile seems to remain valid and what may have impressed you, as it did Les who received a sample, as leading to overly-heavy leaning. Frankly I'd wondered until getting more info that is important. More info on the lawyers, the doublecross crossing of us and how far back it goes, the alleged reasons for the alleged withholdings from us and what really bothers reporters telling Jerry that Bud is CIA and not to be trusted. This in part is the real reason for the firings. And that without reasonable doubt is a major interference with Ray's rights and the ability of the system to work.

I'd know of some but not to the Rays. Now I know that among those giving this spiel are Rather and Rabel of CBS. (Graham asked JL. Maybe me, as I know the WxPost did.)

It happened back in 1973 and is happening now as part of the CBS competition with NBC for an aired interview with Jimmy. NBC has offered, in the version I have, \$10,000 plus \$500 per minute. I think it more likely that the initial sum is for 15 minutes and the extra for any over 15 minutes. Apparently in the past Bud said not to do this and they now hold this against him because it is their big chance to get their allegedly big news out. So they work to get Bud et al fired and then to get what any concept of justice or of decent, responsible journalism rules out before any totally final decision in court. If they are doing it through new counsel, that new counsel is not in the criminal case. This means they are doing it when Ray is without counsel except for the sixth circuit's order to Jim and Livingston. They have not spoken to Jim and have kept this secret from him. The initiative seems to have followed publication of half the truth, Jim's relieving of responsibility. The sixth circuit's refusal has not been published to my knowledge.

Strikes me as pretty sordid - if there is no more to it.

At first I was tempted to blow it up publicly. Then I decided against that because it won't happen right away. I told JL and he is going to write the Chief 6 ct judge. But I find myself wondering whether it might not be better to let the whole thing go through on the chance it will do more to expose the whole filthy mess if it does.

I don't know NBC's interest. Rather angle. They all want the face on the tube and the voice saying something. The interest is show, not journalism. But in Rather's case I'm sure it is because he thinks he can solve the crime. As of my last word ~~fax~~ on whatever his deal ^{is} he needed the OK of an unnamed higher CBS authority.

Have you any opinion on what will be better? Or which worse? Not knowing what will be asked or said.

Here JL phoned. He is making brief mention in a letter, no more. To the judge. He knows of no wire copy, was called by no reporter to ask his plans when 6th ct. did not release him but does know that it was known in Memphis. Or, it can be presumed the nets did not know.

He, too, is uncertain about what to do.

"I'm visiting my mother in Wilmington and I'm developing a little will-power. I've a heavy infestation of what I think are chiggers under the supports and can't scratch. In fact touching sets off itching.

JL had no word on any order being filed today.

Best,