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Dear Dave,

Now that you are nearing the end of the semester, if you have a general idea of when you'll be here I'd like to know. I do forget so when I have dates I mark them on my calendar (unless I forget to) to assure that I'll not make other arrangements.

As you may have gathered, one possibility is a postponed trip to Dallas.

As of today we have about 60% of the FBI HQ King assassination files. Jim and I had a discussion with the FBI yesterday about other files. Unless there is a determination that these serve historical interests not just mine and a waiver of costs I'm going to have to retrench on what I'll have for you. I do not expect to have to make this decisions within the next few days, of course.

What I told the FBI agent in charge of this yesterday is that if I could I'd want every record because of historical significance, but if I have to pay for them I'll tell him my priorities and if I come to a point where I can knock it off I will.

Jim has moved for the remission of all costs. The judge told the AUSA to get some decision at the last status call. We've again heard nothing since. However, I also have a request in for the entire King personal file, to them a "100" or subversive file.

Jim and I believed that the Cointelpro file would include this. We have learned it probably will not but I also have a separate request that is for the personal files.

They are being examined by court order and sequestered in the Archives. What I would get would be heavily masked. For my own purposes I have no need for the "personal" files.

If you want these kinds of things they will not be around if I run out of money, which I do, periodically. You impersonally, = Wisconsin. I'm also going to have to speak to the local people about this when the semester ends. They and you are too busy now.

If we prevail in our effort not to be assessed costs the situation may be different. But there is an opportunity and a priority here. And we have no decision.

It is not wise to assume that I'll be able to improvise sources of income as I have, either. I look back in absolute wonder. My point is no more than how long can I expect to? It has been almost magic.

I do have everything the CIA has let loose. Including on mind-bending, not just assassination files. There are five Oswald volumes in Navy files Jim and I have to decide about. I gave him their letter to me yesterday.

We have our limitations, as you have yours. I merely want you to know in the event any of this is of interest to Dreyfus. Les says he is considering making a run for governor. If Wisconsin can come up with a more promising person it is indeed a fortunate state. He impressed me much. Dreyfus' thoughts may be turned in that direction, which is quite understandable. But that we have our limitations should be understood.

With all the best, in haste,