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Dear Dan,

Glad you were able to come up with "in. He'd spoken of you and your accomplishments many times and I'm glad we had a chance to meet.

"So-called closing of the case" is right. I'm sure the FBI has not and I'd be quite surprised if DJ could have meant anything other than the HUCA request. They'll be getting letters forever and they won't dare throw them away.

The first law of the FBI is "cover the Bureau's ass" and the second law in the FBI is cover your own. The FBI has such more to worry about than most people think and it thus does not dare end its interest and activities. I'm sure it will continue to file in the same main files even though to hide from disclosure it may start some new ones.

They all will know that at some point there may again be Congressional interest and they won't dare say they discarded communications and information. Or failed to look into some of what they get.

The circumstances of the release of the Wald letter are odd and also untruthful.

I hope we get a chance to discuss this more because there may be other possible approaches and other agencies. I've been sitting on something that has some potential that I'm not now in a position to do anything about. But some incident, some circumstance, even possibly some news interest could change that.

I've heard nothing more from the widow and won't push but I might make some efforts that are not pushy. Constancy can be a problem there.

Thanks for your letter.

Sincerely,

Harold

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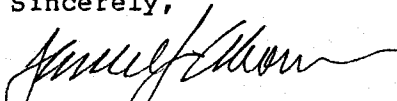
Dear Harold:

Just a short personal note to thank you for the hospitality of your visit on Sunday. For a young neophyte like me the experience of talking with a legend in the field is particularly valuable.

On the business side, I do think an attempt should be made to challenge the so-called closing of the case by the Justice Department. There are very odd circumstances to the Weld letter as released.

Again, many thanks for your time.

Sincerely,

  
Daniel S. Alcorn

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