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Dear Les,

Thanks much for the Inspector General report pages on the CIA's drug programs. I've loaned them to Rod to see if he can do anything with them. After he returns them I'm going over them with more care and then see what my source can make out that I have not. I think it is possible. For the moment he is unwilling to go any farther than he has with me. I'm hoping this will change.

With cancellations of almost all the classifications missing I find myself wondering if the source was a Congressional committee. I do not think they were leaked by CIA because they're was masking. If you or Gary can think of how I can get the missing pages I'd like to and think I can see other ways of carrying that forward.

One may be through another reporter friend who has had extensive experience investigating another kind of drug, heroin. He is Les Payne of ~~Newsday~~ Newsday. He has done really great work with another kind of lead I gave him, suppressed in the Washington and New York City press.

I'm glad you and Rod get to meet. I hope you and Les can some time. He does get to Washington often enough.

I don't really know what you consider a column item but I think and good and very easy piece is on the beginning of federal judges standing up against the false affidavits of government. I've been fighting them for years and I hope helping the judges' understanding. To this Ocasal, in an excellent, principled and literate opinion in Military Project v CIA has added denunciation of ex parte in camera inspection. The easiest way to get a copy of his recent decision is from Jim Cesar, who is away until Saturday the 17th. If you would want it sooner I can mail my copy or you can get it from the clerk of the court.

Jim has just sent me pages 23-40 of a plaintiff pleading in Phillippi v CIA et al that are relevant to this kind of widespread corruption. Larry Ellsworth and Mark Lynch are Phillippi's counsel. She is Melling Stone.

Regularly I charge and prove perjury in these suits. There is never even a pro forma denial and we make no mistakes when we also regularly prove negatives, as lawyers say cannot be done and the federal fink lawyers don't care about anyway. To date the closest thing to a response is the DJ arguing that I could make and prove such charges ad infinitum because I know more about the subject than the FBI. Favorable attention to the good judges and unfavorable attention to the false swearers may help a little with shaking the improperly suppressed loose.

Phillippi argues that the CIA was propagandizing the press over the Glomar case and she wants the records on it. This interests me because contemporaneously I saw it the other way. Somewhere I have the draft of a piece titled The Conning Tower I sent to the NYTimes and then the Post. Maybe Geyalin didn't return it. I think what Gelby was up to was getting the story out without the appearance of it, his kind of propaganda, on the theory the project would be approved.

I've asked Alan to end our contract. He has backed me once only, not followed up on leads I've given him and I can do better myself by being free. He did not perform well on two contracts I gave him. I'm still waiting for my expenses on one three months old and he didn't return the contract on the other one after I sent it to him so that college set the date back. I'm making it next week. Again thanks. Best regards,