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Dear Sam,

Your long-ago instructions on II and III (to become II) are now of value. I've just compacted going over I, as you found typos & mis ed (they didn't interest me at all). I'll be going over the panel part as soon as I can, which will be any day after tomorrow. I have completed the missing part, but not the third, and Bill is working on it.

I am hoping that it will be possible to arrange for a private printing, even though our usual publishing circumstances are worse than usual. I had to go to the bank Friday night and get an extension on what I owe. The credited publishers are real crooked. Aside from Klinger on board with no single prose, they've beat me out of about 1/2 of the advance. However, they've invented "author's alterations" I didn't make, all sorts of fine ways of cheating, and it takes about 6 yrs for a case to come to trial in NYC, but I am hoping that a friend can make it possible, with a fairly full appendix.

I am also hoping that a contracted, popularized version being prepared, small enough to sell for \$3.00, can earn some publisher interest. I think it is a hot book. You haven't seen the book but we haven't seen in touch such. But I've been working.

On the whole, I am aware of the obvious, that I play the harder stuff straight. I am aware of all the things both of you say. I am also aware that I have said nothing not in the FBI reports--all that is in them. Maybe I'm wrong, but I think it will be clear that if this book is good, it could not have happened in any investigation, but who is going to criticize me? The Commission maybe? The others who will, will anyway, if I were alone.

I am deeply concerned about what he has, apparently, told everyone out me, that Cyril is going after the autopsy pics and X-rays. I say concerned because of the many changes he has made in the last five years. I have been in a position to file for them in court under a clear decision and I haven't because the result would be counter-productive. I'm in too tight a time bind to go into this as I'd like. I did write him a very long letter without sending it all out until I hear from him, if I do, and get his reaction and some assurance, inherent at least, that he is not ego-tripping. Although he is one of the last of his kind, I have more than suspicion this is the case. So may have that taste in his head, and almost all can't put it all together and have no idea what they say necessitates, which is not at all what they think they ought.

Anyway, I'm worried, and if you know anything I'd appreciate knowing so that if and when it becomes necessary to defend against the inevitable consequences, I'll at least have had some time to think if they accused and let him see. We'll then have a whole new set of villains, won't we? and have you thought of who would emerge, or seem to emerge, as the heroes, those who espouse real freedom, etc?

I have to lay this aside to do some things so my wife's work can continue, for I'll be tied up all day tomorrow on other matters and I want her to be free to continue. Hope your plans for the beginning of a new term are the needs of fixing a new home. Best,