

JDW: CBS isn't used to dealing with us non-commercial types. What Jim filed specifies CBS's possession of totally exculpatory evidence tested under cross-examination, more than all it needs for full and accurate reporting and, if they report otherwise, they will confront Ray's counsel with deciding whether to sue for him. We gave them the entire transcript and ~~what~~ ~~edit~~ ~~its~~ they wanted. I think it would be a ~~swagon~~ ^{9/23/75} and would stack in court, too.

Things have been so that when I had only two phone calls of any length prior to close to suppertime I didn't remember either. I started to write Jim and lo! about 2 straight hours more on the phone.

When the pressures key me up too much I drop PM and turn to other things, which are accumulating again despite this minor assault. Lil is in a similar situation with her hand, which cramps, so periodically she also has to do other things. Not that she isn't letter these other things go to get the indexing done. She just said she has only 118 pages of appendix left. All the rest is carded and is that index growing!

Today I finally finished posting all the notes and corrections except the corrections needed in appendix footnotoe typos. I think I've not read them but Lil is spotting them as she indexes. They'll have to wait until she is finished the indexing.

I have several longer notes to do and fit somewhere, Ned and Cyril. I wrote one on Cyril that just fits the end of that chapter and then remembered Ned. I had only 2 1/4" so I'll have to figure something else out. Then I have the make-up to do on the pictures and the sketches to try to figure out. I've not heard from the artist, from whom I was to have heard by the weekend. When I've done these things I'm going to have to take time to be precise about what may be a tricky copyrights notice.

Lil mentioned something about having written to you about some of your notes she did not understand. This reminded me that you did not phone back after your second conversation with Jerry about SEPost and did not answer the questions I had about a few of the cross-references. Then I thought maybe you got brushed by the storm, which hasn't reached here yet. Without it we have flood warnings. Not for right here but for a large area of which we are in about the center. From steady rains. As you know, we can't flood. But we always do have heavy rains about the time hurricanes get close to the mainland down south. (Glad I got a walk yesterday a.m. because we'll have several days of rains now.)

So, we can use these few things as fast as you can get them here. I do want to finish everything I can do as fast as I can so that as soon as the index is completed I can finish the appendix and then, after changing the index, print.

We are going to get a new and different typewriter and make other adjustments, by the way. The new printer's rep seem like a nice guy and is willing to be helpful with advice. I've already asked him to think these problems through and make recommendations. He is also going to see if he can get 660 negatives shot in a single day so I can be there for all of it - and with it- and take the master back home with me.

I'm going to simplify for the future with a machine that has self-correction built in. We'll then reduce to two copies, one a spare and I can work from it and one for indexing. Most uncorrected strikeovers will make no difference. If we need more copies we'll xerox. And I'm going to try for not having these kinds of rushes in the future so that we can use a smaller face and type the footnotes in as we go.

If I do not send you carbons, I've refused to be on the CBS show. Aside from ample reason to be suspicious they took a step in court that can't be reconciled with Ray's rights, to which I'm committed. It has caused a little consternation, some phone calls from all over and more to come later in the week. They've filed for access for their experts to the evidence and in doing it they did bad and prejudicial things. Meaning both. Jim must phoned me to tell me of his response, which is vigorous and well taken. However, these time pressures mean we miss little and effective points simple because we can't get to put two heads together. Their argument to me was the public's rights to know. I asked if the public did not have this same right for the past eight years, did not have it at and after the evidentiary hearing, had to wait for its right to know until it meant money for CBS. This line, I think you can see, is not only true and in point but gets right to 6th Circuit's strong language on commercialization.

We're going to beat CBS on this, mark my words. And I raised other issues that are going to be the subject of some internal deliberations. The fink they sent here finked with a professional and detached observer present, Martin Waldron. Martin phoned me today, began by asking whether I'd agreed, I told him the story and asked if he'd seen this guy do what he was supposed to be here for. Martin said, "Not while I was there." That's all the updating I have time for. Hope you are okay and that we hear soon. Best,