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Dear Mary (Cary),

This has not been a good day and it is late. We lost on the spectro today, before a bad judge, but that alone does not explain it. All the work I did in advance was ignored and wasted, and all of it should have been used, the way it went. I'll be writing more about this, for we must learn from our mistakes. I wish some of us could learn not to repeat the same mistakes and those they recognize as mistakes in others. The transcript will be ready Thursday. Bud is buying one and will appeal. I will ask you to hold my remarks in confidence. We have enough troubles.

I sent Paul the complaint and the answer with a note saying you had just returned it because he had written me that I'd not sent it to him. I believe him. I'm into too much, sleeping too little, to trust my memory, and this kind of thing I do not try to remember, preferring to trust others to return what usually is returned.

However, there has been a serious breach of confidence in which you are not involved, I am, innocently, and I'm going to have to get tighter to prevent this kind of thing. Someone else is being hurt, and it should not have happened.

I have forgotten what Jim was supposed to send. I think Bob was away for a while, but he was in the office, looking and sounding fine and real busy, with a stacked desk.

Lil says the dogwood should not germinate until spring.

Thank Arch for me. I fear his estimate is exaggerated. It would be better to say the potential is great. We fell far short on this one, very far. There was a valuable by-product of which I'll tell you in time. I will want it not bruited about then, because there is a special need not to.

Your saying nothing of Jimmy Lee makes me believe the news is better. Hope so.

I'll be reorganizing and rewriting the Ferris complaint myself. It is about six months since I drafted it and, as you know, "Happy Harold gets exactly what he is entitled to".

Best regards,

November 13, 1970

Dear Harold:

I am returning the copy of the clothing suit petition which you sent me yesterday. Thank you. I made one copy of it but I believe it is good enough that I will be able to make copies of it for the others... I am also returning the copy of the government's answer in Civil Action No. 2569-70. I have copied it.

I received a request from Paul Hoch yesterday that I send it on to him (inferring that you had wanted it that way). However, in view of the fact that you have not received the clothing complaint copy back from him, I am sending the copy of the Answer back to you. I am writing to him saying that I have already sent it back to you (which will be true by the time I actually write to him this morning (later)). I will drop this in the mail in a few minutes then can tell him truthfully that it has been returned to you. I hate to practice this kind of deception but I hesitate to send him anything else when he hasn't returned the other complaint to you as he should have.

I have received nothing from "Jim". What did you request him to send to me? Please try to find out what has happened to Bob Smith for us. We were receiving extremely interesting memos from him practically every day and now nothing...

Tell Lil that the night-blooming "what-ever-it-is-called" is still living and doing nicely. I am so proud of it... However, none of the dogwood seed came up. I am very sad over that. I'm sure they needed Lil's "green thumb" which I definitely don't have...

Harold, I would appreciate it if you wouldn't let Paul Hoch know that I have acted so "tacky" about his request. I hope you understand my reticence where Paul is concerned; but I do feel that he has betrayed you more than anyone else...

Incidentally, Arch thinks you are doing a great job with these suits. I did not give him copies but let him read them at my house.

Well, I'll get this in the mail and get on with a brief answer to Paul.

Love to you both,

*Mary*