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Afterthought,

After reading the N.O. papers when they arrived.

They report the stay granted Marcello, on the apparent grounds that the incident was staged.

This reminds me of two things, one I gave Bud some time ago, on the chance it would interest Wasserman, one of Marcello's lawyers, and another, an incident of the FBI very carefully priming the press to something it was staging.

They do stage.

Bud will probably still have what I gave him. I suspect he did nothing with or about it. He knows Wasserman.

The case of staging, I think had to do with a secret-secret-secret risk, which they thus arranged to have well covered and reported as they wanted it covered. I could probably find this without too much trouble.

The law is the thing. Whether it is Hoffa, Marcello, or anyone else, good or bad the rights of all of us are inextricably intertwined with his, even if he is the worst.

And I now also have proof that the FBI was investigating even Marcello's investigator at the time of the 1965 deportation hearing. It strikes me this is improper, if not illegal.

My own feeling, by the way, is that they are also using him for other purposes. Now that they have reason to suspect that his days are fewer, and while they want to pretend to be doing something, when they really are not, they are going after him, even with double-jeopardy indictments, so that can seem to be doing something when they are not.

Garbled, but I think you understand.

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