

Dear Phil,

Melvin

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The enclosed carbon of my today's letter to Jimmy Ray is for your information only. He has a spurge of bad information and there is reason to be suspicious about the FBI and the De Soto Motel. I want him to try to recall what I will not tell him because if I prompt him there is no usefulness in what he then says.

I was interrupted when I was writing him about the car and forgot to ask him about Percy Foreman's death, of which I was not aware. The last I heard Foreman was under a federal indictment for selling out a client, Jon Kelly, who was used by a detective agency working for the Hunt brothers in Dallas and got caught in illegal wiretapping. I saw the evidence and the case against Foreman was open-and-shit. So, I am inclined to suspect that the Hunt brothers used their wealth and influence, besides a talented lawyer I've forgotten the name of Kelly's lawyer, who gave me a Samsonite attache case in Memphis. Jim probably remembers it, and I think that he, too, may have been bought. ...Can you see parallels?

Jim is supposed to send you a xerox of what I filed in the field offices case as my own lawyer yesterday. The xeroxing and collating got to be too much for Bill and me so we did not make all the copies we could have used and it cost too much to have it done and collated commercially. About 38 pp of Motion and 22 of exhibits. Our circumstances eliminated any revisions of the rough draft, so a corrected draft is what I had to file. However, I loaned my copy to a friend ~~is~~ who is an authentic ~~conservative~~ conservative rather than a right-wing nut, a career Navy man, and when he returned it today he spoke well of it and found nothing hard to understand. This is one of my worries when I am limited to a corrected draft, from confabulation in particular. If you do not have it by the end of next week, please nudge one of us. As it is our postage bill was close to \$70 and we did about 2,000 pages of xeroxing. I have no reason to believe that any of the press copies will lead to a story, but if there is a story, that may start something. I wish I knew someone on the Boston Globe. They might get interested. I know they had Ben Bradlee's son working on something to do with the JFK assassination some time ago. Or they indulged him so he could do it. A paper like the Globe might be more likely to get interested if it finds out after papers like the Post and Times have not done naything. (One of the real problems is that the reporters do not take time to read any length unless they have reason to and those to whom I've sent copies anticipate a negative reactions from their desks.)

Lynch left with my assent and good wishes but I think the real reason is that he feared doing what I did, and if he was afraid, he has good reason for it. He had agreed to represent me on appeal only and doing anything further exceeded the original agreement. He did handle two depositions and the status call before Smith antremand. He read me what he filed, enclosed, and I agreed. It is not in any way prejudicial. I've sent him a copy, of course, but he won't see it until he gets back to DC next month. He's already told me that if I need help after I file this to call him, which is quite fair. I didn't ask him, he offered. Which is nice of him. Jim also saw nothing until I mailed him a copy with the other copies. He can't get it until today or tomorrow. He may have some ideas. And what, if anything, eventuates we'll know soon enough. Meanwhile, the Civil Division has still another new lawyer on the case. I hope she is not shock-proof!

Best,

Harold