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Dear Mr. Lynch,

When you phoned yesterday I thought Jim was responding to my letter you did not receive. I wrote more than a week ago, I'm sure.

If when I have something I think Jim would want to know, I can send it to his home if there is a chance it can get lost in the volume of mail he receives. The address I have is as of early 1967, 1336 Edgemoor Ave.

There was a legitimate reason for my reluctance to identify the witness I had interviewed recently. Until then his interest requires confidentiality. It may then be that my having interviewed him should not become public knowledge because he is subject to retaliation.

He has already been subjected to great pressures.

He is in the new book. I deliberately avoided asking to interview him for it because the book did not require it and in his interest. However, because this book will attract some attention to him, I did send him a message through a mutual friend that I believe his interest required his awareness of the content of this book as it related to him. And before it appears.

It took him about a month to respond. I then told him that while I would like very much to interview him he need not feel compelled, it was not a precondition to his learning what was about to appear about him and that the sole precondition was confidentiality until the book is on sale.

He elected to talk to me.

I had separated for him verbatim of all references to him and other matters I believe he should know. One of these was a letter by Leon Jaworski, interest in whom was the purpose of your call. It is in its entirety in the book.

Because Jim is one of the very few to whom I'll be able to afford to speak candidly, you and he will then know all I can put him saying.

I wish I knew what this will do. There have been previous problems. I am holding my breath because of possible W interest in a special investigation (for the first time ever with my confidential back and with interest now three weeks old) and because of the possible usefulness in Congressional debate on amending the Freedom of Information Law that on his first legislative act Ford succeeded in having amended behind the scenes into a license to suppress. He and Burke accomplished this by a combination at the conference level, Orwell for "open administration."

You will find other hot Ford content in this book.

As of now I have no way of distributing it in the Bay area. The California distributor of my earlier books has gyped me out of something over \$5,000 as I can't sue him. If Jim knows an honest distributor, I sure would like to hear from him!

In not identifying this man and not wanting to say publicly that I have interviewed him I am not being cryptic. Jim should remember a half-dozen occasions on earlier shows when I spoke to witnesses off the air in their interest even though they were not reluctant to speak publicly. One, who was not a source on assassination information, might have been killed over what he gave me. He was a minor official of one of the more extreme of the extremist groups. In the end he gave me all their most secret material, in volume a stack of notes maybe four inches thick. These of the past were swinging shows!

Thanks and best to you both and to the others to whom Jim knows I want to be remembered