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JL- Attached to this is an extra copy of a page that took my eye as I was beginning a check of the contents of what came today and is provided to you along with this. I suppose Lardner checked it with you. I tried it out on him to see if we can use it in the suit for the remission of fees. We have again forced something new out, significantly new is subject to varying interpretations. I'll read the entire file by or on Wednesday. The reverse of this is an imperfect copy of another page.

For all my whacking away at Jerry he is friendly, for him respectful in the tape I received today. It may have significance from these facts:

He did it on Monday the 13th. He did not mail it until Friday the 16th, from Petros.

My hunch is that he checked with the seer of Brushy Mountain before mailing it.

Most of the tape is clowning, a bit of caterwauling of Apartment No. 9 and the pretense of a press conference, intended as a joke and clearly not a real one. However, he begins it by saying he had flown to L.A. for one.

He was on his way down to Stoner's. I guess JM, who hates to drive and indulges other laziness, has himself an experienced gofer/chauffeur.

At this time I do not regard that as bad. Right now Stoner may be a saving influence on the incredibly stupid and self-important Jerry.

On the tape Jerry compares me favorably with Stoner. From him that is high praise.

He was still strong for Lane on it, too. But as you'll see, he has had an abrupt shift on the assassins committee. Methinks it comes from Mark, not Jerry. On that hunch I've written him as I have.

Here you phoned.

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