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Dear Eger,

I'd have written you sooner but I can't keep up.

This is so you will not be troubled if you discover something and wonder if I know. I know some, not all.

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I know that up at the top the appropriate initials added to a name are not only a "d" and an "r" but begin with before "d."

I have reason to believe that the same initials are properly applied to others below the top. I don't know which but I have good reason to believe the fact.

Whether or not net, I get reports that there were news items on CBS stations on my press conference as late as last night.

While there can be other explanations, the selection used on AM TV yesterday morning could not have been less faithful to the purposes or content of the press conference and are a cut of what I said I did not want to go into, leaving out the intro. I began by saying that while I am Ray's investigator I was not appearing in that role and asked that questions crossing into that area not be asked.

The net effect was to air what those of evil intent could take as an indication that I have been working on a solution or have come to one.

That for whatever reason, no matter how innocent, this was sued with all that had news value and didn't hurt CBS machismo is not comforting.

I didn't think earlier that CBS could use this in the special after I'd refused to appear on it but they have a right to and I can't object to anything except dishonesty or unfairness. (The aired cut I regard as deliberately unfair because it was taken out of context and was out of the context of the press conference.)

However, not expecting this I knew others would be taping so I had a couple of others tape for me. One student has reported back. He forgot his tapes, I gave him a 90 and a 60 and he says he missed the last two questions.

While I did not have time to prepare properly and because of an unexpected change felt I could not use the press release that was a partial explanation, the reaction I've gotten has been good. I'd like the day to come when I can have a summary for the press, which needs it, and xeroxes.

Best,