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Dear Roger,

While the transcript tells me nothing new, I've quite happy to have it. For me it is no more than corroboration should one of my interviewees be pressured.

It has ~~some~~ archival value. Imagine demon investigators who could not pick up a phone and ask for a copy. ^{Like} Specter. I treat both aspects in the first book.

There is undoubtedly a sound tape around. I would think you'd want that, too. Should you locate one, my only interest would be archival. I do want to go forward, as this now is not for me.

Jim had just left when you phoned. I'd had no chance to read the mail because I had to work on interrogatories, the purpose of his visit. When he revises and adds and retypes he'll file them ~~in~~ in a case we've never or barely discussed. ^{It} can be important. I think it will be. We also agreed on other court moves.

One of Nader's FOIA lawyers looked Jim up to ask why Jim had not phoned him with the sensational news of our sweeping-his word-victory. Jim was modest. ~~More~~ sweeping because as I told you the same day they were clobbered by the same court.

You may never have needed a dated record. Like for notes the time of which you can place. One easy way is to mail yourself a letter including them or a carbon and keeping the letter sealed, unopened.

Most of the time there is no need to have a dated record of when someone ~~said~~ said something. Sometimes it turns out to be helpful.

When it became apparent that the State was intent on giving me a rough time in Memphis I did this. I went to a lawyer's office, used his ~~one~~ machine and one of his envelopes, xeroxed my notes on discovery and mailed them to myself in the presence of a witness. The envelope remains unopened. I do not now expect the need. I did then.

Chris up!