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Dear Roger,

I hope your long silence comes from a heavy job on which you are getting fat and rich or deep immersion in your book.

On this the publisher I had in mind is a loser, dubious at best.

On the book, which is not why I now write, the Alt. Sun had several interviews with Howard Donahue, the Towson (suburban Baltimore) gunsmith who managed to fire fast enough. For CBS. The reporter is named Reppert. Sunday section. Donahue mentions a few of the so-called CBS precautions to assure honesty and impartiality. Sic. Two time out of three the wapon he used misfired.

Donahue and Reppert were due here this past week. Silence.

I expect to go to Dallas about the 10th to collect affidavits to put into the record is the hoariest FOIA suit of them all, my spectro. We have an auxiliary of DJ as a judge. We have a pretty fair record on appeal and I want to perfect it. This is why the trip to Dallas. The depositions have not been filed official yet so I avoid comment on them. We've deposed Shaneyfelt, Frazier, Gallagher and Cunningham. They are trying to foreclose other depositions. However, what I think is important is that we now have three different sworn FBI versions of the curbstone testing and other testimony on other tests of which we have no results.

My reason for going to Dallas now is only this. I'll be staying with Jim Tague. I want to speak to others who can give me affidavits that would be relevant in this case. I may also see what I can do with public officialdom.

I want to try for a Ferry affidavit, not only because he was the first of the senior doctors to get to work but because he is also an experienced hunter, an amateur ballistics expert. I have heard that he is no longer in Dallas. I will seek to speak to Carrioco again. If Clark is still around perhaps him. For Ferry and Clark I would like to buck them up by showing them the official transcript. To now nobody knows that I have it. I would not do this without your agreement.

Which is why I write.

I have known about this from the first, ahving the news stories also. But I would not feel right, even with what I have in Post Mortem, showing this to those in it without your agreement. I would then seek affidavits saying what they will say, to file in court. I think that with that kind of a load before it the appeals court, which said I must serve the nation's interest in perfecting the record and in that do, would be pretty forthright. As it was in the earlier appeal, No. 75-2021, the remand which has us back in district court.

On other matters, if you hear from the House assassins committee, stay away. pad all around. Their word is less than worthless because they never keep it and they have no idea what happened or what they are doing. Their latest doublecross was of a dear friend, formerly UPI, for a decade radio-TV, Art Kevin. Art has gone public, his ultra-conservative ownership has again been principled and has supported, the WxPost had a decent story yesterday, and Art is going to carry his complaints to Lip O'Neill and the Members of the committee.

Unless you have a demanding job if you have not been very busy writing I'm disappointed in you. Of course my files are available if you have the need. But do it! I tire of asking what the younger generation is coming to!

My accumulating King materials are fantastic. They stack higher than you stand.

By the way, if you do not have the actual results of the CBS firing experiment by the white people at Belair, Md., they are now public domain and with CBS the adversary, uncontested. They are in the Tennessee courts. Jim has the records. Best wishes,