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Dear Bud,

It is now a month since I wrote the clerk of the Court of Appeals. He phoned me the 18th of last month, told me to write Davey, clerk of federal court, who didn't reply until 10 days later. I executed what he asked for and sent it in three weeks ago. There has since been silence. I hope my today's letter to Davey's deputy, which I will take into town and mail tonight, will either stop the clock or make a sufficient record. I find it difficult to believe that this long lapse of time (in either case) is necessary, and all of this tends to fortify my suspicion that the clerk of the district court has been playing with the U.S. Attorney's office in these matters.

The letter to Gesell worked. Although it clearly says that copies were sent to Gesell and Werdig, the reply I got from Arch today says copy to Werdig only (what appears on their carbon by way of distribution I can only guess). They are taking the pictures for me. I'll be responding and will send copy. They are not yet fully honest on regulations and here send one they had failed to send before, the one they told Bob didn't exist, the one I got elsewhere and used in my papers. But still not all applicable regulations, as on records.

Please tell Jim his yesterday's phone call for me was answered suppertime, and that Stern wants me to background him all I can and has, from my earlier visit, already asked a west-coast associate to look into. I think we should keep this quiet, let me deal with him, and perhaps we may get some good interest going. I have given him copies of what I had, told him what Jim told me, etc.

I'll probably be in town some day this coming week for part of the day. I'll have to be back whatever day it is before 5 p.m. I'll phone when I'm there. My chief purpose will be to see the pictures, which I'll do and then leave. The Arch, that is. There are other things about which I'll want to talk to Stern, so I'll want to try and do that on the way home.

I have just seen the July Computers. Is there anything Berkeley will not print? The effect of all this kind of stuff, aside from the good Times stuff which he got from your newsletter, is to further diminish our credibility. It is a fatal error for the well-intended ignorant to assume that what they do not know does not exist, what they do not understand is true or factual, and what they do not conceive is irrelevant. With such "friends", why look for enemies? I have just been sent the pages by a friend. I do not otherwise see it. I also understand Cook has a piece in the Nation, which I do not get. His, I hope, is of different character, as I would also expect.

Sincerely,