

Dear Bud,

7/9/80

Your mailing of the apparently partyless Clay Shaw and the fact that I'm too tired for anything except reading, to which I'll go after writing this, reminds me of something I've been wanting to let you know.

We've won a nother remand in the new spectro case and the right to take more depositions but I don't think I'll be able to unless the judge lets us do it by tape recorder. I can't continue to pay court reporters for depositions.

Except for my telling him this Jim and I have not been able to discuss it. I don't get down there much any more.

I've much new material for depositions. Too much. A great quantity of previously unknown records of which I made copies. I've put them aside, in big gobs, for the time when I have to read and prepare them.

I do have proof of other testing pertaining to other shooting. I don't have the results and I have the atypical, the FBI unloading itself of it.

I do have an incomplete record of what could have been the bullet that caused the Hague wound and the need to heal the concrete curbstone. (Not the Lester stuff, which has to be worthless.)

Much more but these things come to my tired mind.

Whatever else I may get I'll not be able to use in my own writing because I can't do another Post Mortem. And there is other writing I want to do. Besides, I can't keep the hours I used to keep. So, when I write again, I do not expect it to be at my former pace.

Save for what for Jim are his enormous costs, I've borne all of this considerable cost, wondering often how it was managed. I look back in wonder.

While in many ways we could have done better, under other conditions, we have done much, with others hardly realizing its value and importance.

As Jim may have told you, they've started a real and costly new battle to waste me. With a little luck they'll yet regret it. I doubt that when they get what I've done to date they'll believe how weary and sometimes weak I am.

I'm not asking anything. I just don't want it to be any kind of surprise if we are not permitted to depose by tape recorder.

If (and when?) the fight gets tougher I've put aside some significant new material for a press conference. It includes the FBI's proof that Oswald was not alone in New Orleans.

For the time being my efforts are concentrated on combatting, by which I mean turning around, the newest efforts to "stop" me, a word used in FBI records I have. If it succeeds it can do much for the act.

Best,