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Dear Larry,

Several things in a hurry because I'm pooped from some physical activity yesterday and have much to do.

First, driving Lil to work this a.m. in the fringe area for FN and AI in which we live, - heard a fragment of a newscast quoting Teddy Kennedy as saying he will not run for President because he does not want to tempt assassination. Nothing in the first edition of the Post we got. I'd appreciate everything you can get on this. I do believe it. He has been saying it in different ways, but never this explicitly. The one way I could justify the out-of-character Marshall performance, if I regard it as out-of-character, is on orders for the same zany thing that Bobby did when he blew his cool at San Fernando. Anyway, I am interested.

Now, I have a letter from John Ray, at Leavenworth, asking help. I haven't time, energy or funds unless it can become part of a larger thing, as I believe possible. He has given me enough detail to start an investigation of a deliberate framing of him, and that can make sense in a family-portrait case against all Ray, esp. James, for making all seem credible. He is at Leavenworth. Can you get there and would you like to if I can arrange it? Some of the things he says are subject to checking if the records haven't been cooked, and don't assume they aren't. Paul Valentine just ran into a case where personnel files disappeared at Walter Reed Hospital within two weeks and not until after the interest in the story he was working on was known to authorities.

If you still have the selection of my court records in suing for the Ray extradition papers, you have an ideal case of Kleindienst as liar and especially the way Jack Anderson put it yesterday, denying what he has not been charged with- the straw-man bit. He made a tiny error in denying what I hadn't asked of which I told you. I asked for the records used in court by the United States and he denied having those used in court by the United Kingdom. And he, personally, had them and had ruled on them, as the State letter proves.

When I write John as I will later today I'll ask his permission to invite you in and share with you what he says, without now naming you. Jerry is not in St. Louis and can help. I have his address and phone. He may go to Chicago. If you have no interest in this and he does go to Chicago, shall I have him look you up?

To quote a bad source, one I knew when and know to be a faker, I "get that" things are getting a bit tighter. Therefore, when Bob's pieces appear, be sure to send them without anything tracing them to you or the paper when you send them to James in my name, as I told you, by sending it to the mail room marked for him. The warden knows this is to happen. But for the moment it would be best that there be nothing to connect you with any of this.

Decided to phone Bob on the Kleindienst thing. He is in New Hampshire. Spoke to a gal O'Neill, who seemed interested.

Best