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Dear Larry,

Had to go to the post office early this a.m., so I have the mail early. Life is complicated by some legal matters requiring immediate attention and the scheduled arrival of the man with whom I have been working on getting POST MORTEM out (I suspect his intent is to back out). So I make hasty response to your note of the 24th and enclosures, which I'll read when I can with care. If I can before guest arrives, I'll include any comment.

I got another letter from Russ and I wrote him a brief explanation, that you don't have two heads and are not intent upon misusing the one. He has had some very rough experiences, so be patient, please.

One thing you did not enclose interests me and may of of potential use to Bud. It is your story of your interview with Foreman. An illegible copy has been sent me. In the wierd way things happened, I caught this item on an early a.m. Mutual newscast with a Memphis dateline. Having just gotten a letter from Jimmie, who goes over the papers with care, and with the remarkable coincidence of the Memphis troubles, which will get worse, for the situation there is bad and that it was worse does not ease it, I had suspected Foreman might be there and about to defend cops free, which he has done. So, I asked Jimmie to be alert to any clips.

Because my copy is practically illegible, I'd appreciate it if you could provide two, one the next time you write me, so mine will be clear, and I'll take it to Bud or Jim, and the other to be sent to Ray to straighten this out as quickly as possible. To this end I enclose an envelope with his name on it, in which I'll have a brief note, an envelope addressed to the mail room, into which the other goes, and because of your kindness with the stamps and I am so desperately broke even a stamp is a problem, I'll ask you to do as you so kindly do in writing me. I am the only one whose letters go directly to Ray. All others go to Bud, who forwards them. Well, I suppose he has worked out the same deal for his brother Jerry. Anyway, this is the one way, Ray tells me, that the mail will go to him without going to Bud first. It was my idea, I suppose, when Jimmie first raised the problems he was having with his mail. It has the merit of protecting him and filtering out the nut mail.

By the time you are here again, I hope to have more on my Foreman suspicion. I have been in touch with the lawyer who cleaned up after him, and he has been helpful. I rather suspect from what I've been told that off the record ever the prosecutor in that case would talk, and he has shared his deep concern with another. Meanwhile, I have a kind of fan in that city and he has agreed to get me clips on the original trial. This thing is showing signs of a pattern.

Just the heads on your clips look interesting. Is there any way we can tap the morgues of your competition? If I am right, there is a helluva story in this. Maybe I'll make you a proposal if I can carry it far enough with all the other, overwhelming things with which I now must cope, the legal ones being important and complicated.

Many thanks.

Best,

Harold Weisberg



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Harold,

Here are some Xerox copies and clips
you might find interesting.

The long original copy is part of a story
from our city news bureau, which is sort
of an in-city news service. They are very
unreliable.

I got the letter from Trunzo, and will ~~soon~~
answer soon.

Regards,

Finley