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Dear Jim,

There have been a few developments that I think require the continuation of the work I was engaged upon on my last trip to New Orleans, particularly the last thing we discussed at the club. While neither of us can afford it, I think the cost of missing the present opportunities will be greater. They may not long continue. I think one major witness is out of reach and I think I now have a means of approaching those who might not have been accessible earlier.

I have been able to see the typescripts of some of the testimony and in two cases substantive changes that I consider important were made. I will have copies with me. I hope they may influence several people when I show them.

Prior to the Bobby assassination, we had, I believe, a major and for at least a while silent ally of a kind we have never had. I cannot write or speak much about it unless you can call me on a clear phone, not the club. My friend left town yesterday. The only way to phone me is to give me a number on which I can reach you in 10-15 minutes from an available pay phone.

You will recall what I had that you also thought would interest a certain eminence. It did. There was some further checking out he wanted, and I have done that. It makes it totally tight. He now knows that he, too, was had.

BUT, and this I want you to consider carefully: He also had deep misgivings about the special area in which I have been working down there and particularly what I have been going into most recently. I believe it one of the most important things that I can now do to deliver to him all that I can obtain. Whether or not he now says anything, and I have asked silence of him until I can complete what I have started, I believe this may be perhaps the most significant advance in some time.

There are several things that prevent my going immediately. First, I haven't the money for the fare. I expect some due me in a week or so that will enable this. Then I have a little medical and dental patchwork already commenced. Also, I have had expressions of interest in some of my recent (non-New Orleans) work by two major European publications. The correspondent of one was here a week ago and I saw the representative of the other in New York. While I have no reason to expect either to pan out, I have to give each a chance. So, it will not be before the end of next week. I have made inquiries for a place to stay down there. I will keep in touch with Louis and let him know.

After what happened to my luggage last trip I'll bring only what I have to work with, unless there is anything I have that you want. I'd like to see you as soon as possible after I get settled so I can go over with you what I think I should do and learn what you might want me to do or know.

You were alone in having confidence in the connections of one of my witnesses. I now have confirmation that seems to be irrefutable. I will tell you, but only in person.

What undercurrent I detect of the effect of the Bobby assassination is all our way. It has shaken people who earlier did not believe.

Sincerely,