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Dear Jim,

It is only the great fatigue over which I continue working that explains my failure to write in advance of the Andrews trial to wish you the good luck in it I sincerely do want you to have. Please forgive my poor manners and the oversight.

I believe this is the most important legal proceeding since the assassination. It deserves to succeed; the nation's interest and future require it. You and your staff have more than earned it. Anything else is not justice.

Take comfort from the total boycott of news of the trial here. It is a measure of the fear you have struck in the hearts of those cowardly and evil people who have made possible the perhaps greater tragedy that followed the assassination. I learn part of what is happening only several days later, when the New Orleans papers arrive.

I am preparing the remainder of my documentation for publication. We have not been able to pay the printer for PHOTOGRAPHIC WHITENASH, which is fairly universally suppressed (Roufa will not handle it out of fear, despite Bill Lucas' assurance there is no libel in it and his desire that Roufa sell it, which means make it available in the New Orleans area), but this will not stop us from publishing the next one. I am working on some new material that I think, collaterally, may help you. If I do not get it, I am satisfied I will force it out very soon. And I do think what I am working on also will help you, especially if it breaks through the suppression.

We are making a proper-name index to OSWALD IN NEW ORLEANS. From the first third of the more than 300 pages of documents included, we have more than 500 names. When it is done I'll send you a copy. Until then, we can consult it for you. It should be completed soon.

By this time next week, may there be a new nickname, not of Andrews' creation, prevalent in New Orleans: The Jolly, Green Giant-Killer! That is a giant we must kill -and will!

The very best to you all.

Sincerely,

*Work* Jim, I want you all to know how hard I am hoping for you and that we are making this index of names in case it ~~can~~ can help you. I wanted very much to be there for the trial but could not afford the expense or the luxury of taking off from work I wish I had finished. May all your smiles be wider than your faces by the time you get this!

Harold Weisberg