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Dear Mr. Gollobin,

Some months ago, when we were both awaiting federal court in Washington, I got into a conversation with Mr. Moe Fishman about my legal needs in New York. He was interested in what had happened to me and he thought you might be interested in taking the cases. I wrote your name on an envelope I then had with me. Before I could return home and write I mislaid the envelope. I have just found it in a stack of unfiled material.

In the intervening months I have sought by whatever means possible to locate a New York attorney. My last effort was through a friend of long ago, a Boston attorney who was a fellow Senate investigator with me in the 1930s, when we were both young. When I learned this friend of the past was in practise in Boston and how to reach him, I asked him to see if he could collect from a wholesaler there who did not pay us for what he bought from us. The statute may well have run. He is trying. I asked him about a New York attorney. He wrote to the man to whom I wrote the enclosed letter. Although it seemed improbable that Mr. Levin would be able to take the case, I was by then so desperate I wrote him anyway. I enclose a copy of that letter as the fastest way of giving you a summary.

Four or five years ago I located a New York attorney who was a total stranger to me. I have him copies of all the contracts and correspondence and as things developed, kept him up to date. We have a contract he asked me to sign. I have not been able to get him to do anything since our last meeting more than a year ago. Nor, for that matter, before then. His last explanation was that he wanted to consult with a lawyer expert in publishing law. He made no response when I wrote and asked him if he was letting the statutes run.

I hope you can see your way clear to help us. Our need is urgent. If you can, I will come to New York, retrieve the files from him and deliver them to you. He does not have any of the Uterbridge & Dienstfrey files. I will bring them. A young friend who has just passed the District of Columbia bars is familiar with the remainder part of that situation. He has gone over the correspondence pursuant to the contract and that part of the contract, to counsel me on what I should do as the need arose. If the opinion of an inexperienced man is worth anything to you, he says that is open and shut breach of contract.

In the enclosed letter I refer to going to the postal inspectors and their copying those parts of the file they wanted. They said there seemed to be a mail-fraud case, more than one. They selected the one they would pursue. They have since been silent and have not responded to inquiries. A Senator I know is asking them why.

If you would like any more information, please let me know. If I have your name wrong, my apologies. That was an exciting day for me. I was pro se in a Freedom of Information suit. (I got the suppressed public information I wanted, too!) Thanks for anything you can do.

Sincerely,