

1/10/69

Dear Paul,

The enclosed memo is, I think, self-explanatory. If you think it a good idea to share it with Hal and Jim, okay. But I do not want it getting around if it is possible to avoid it. It might be right; and if it is wrong and the wrong people learn I believe this, then can arrange things that might lead me astray, at least waste time.

The letter to Maggie and Burton will tell you what I ask of them. I do not know if they will do the research I ask of them, and I do not suggest you do it. But, knowing what I seek, perhaps you may also know someone with the time who might do it in case they do not.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter to Gery with part of a paragraph marked in red. I think that part may interest you.

I believe I sent you a copy of the typed copy of CB75:301. That is not the only thing that recently has flagged my interest in O'Sullivan. I was able to get to the Archives briefly today after my medical appointments and before another appointment. Mike was all alone and having troubles finding things, so I went around to try and help him out. He could not find the typescripts of testimony, including this man's. He did, however, find an uncancelled charge-out slip for its reading, "Transcript of testimony" in the appropriate column and this in the next, "Archives for conference (not absolutely certain of this word) with chief justice 6/14/65". Johnson was off on leave. I am confident that when next I am there they will have it. I wanted to check that typescript for several reasons and have for a while. I am interested in the deletion at the end. The card was in Johnson's writing. There are two reports in his name file. I ordered both, without reading. No time. Trouble in both Xerox rooms, so it may be slow coming.

In speaking to Mac tonight I learned they will not need me quite as early as he had indicated. Naturally, they didn't tell me, so I got my tickets today. They will argue the pictures and Xeroxes case in Washington. They will send a member of the staff who knows nothing of the case. Fensterwald had told me earlier and repeated today he thinks it irresponsible that I be there, so I suppose I'll not leave until after 1/17 anyway.

The trial may take longer than expected. Dymond told them he expects to call 40 witnesses. Mac thinks they'll call about 50. He told me to figure on perhaps as much as two months. In his own work Mac has found that both Agneworth and Curvich are travelling the state, apparently with a tentative list of witnesses, and speaking to them all. The inference here is that someone once in the office had this information and passed it on to others. In one case there was a partial description of a man who could have been Boxley. I am inclined to believe that Boxley has Xeroxed a fair part of the files. This should not be spread about, but I think it may give you an idea of the situation.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

