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Dear Matt,

If I do not think of you good people on other occasions (and I do), on those now few occasions when I dress, I always do because that means I pick up the red case you gave me for personal jewelry. I have little, only cuff-links and tie bars. So, getting a tie bar puts you in mind. Thursday I dressed for the second time in two months, to consult a doctor and do other things in Washington. The medical question is, I think, one that will not be too difficult to handle. Apparently after 5-6 years the nerves are in rebellion. (They know how to do it!)

The summer thus far has not been unpleasant. We have, as I told you, a large pool. On a typical summer day we're in it 3-5 times, 15-20 minutes at a time. With a drought, this has been daily. Finally the drought broke, so no swimming three days. It now looks like it will clear off and today I'll break work with pleasant exercise. Meanwhile, my work has continued, but at a slower pace. I've done over \$0,000 worth of the more than book length addition to COUP D'ETAT dealing with the Ray case. It shapes up powerfully persuasive. Once again I have been able to do the unexpected and I have a few contacts on the other side I'd better play Jim about and not trust this medium. You'd never believe it. What will come of it is not yet clear or certain.

While awaiting the doctor I glanced through a magazine published for National Airlines, titled "Clift". Imagine my surprise when the first and lead story featured your jazz workshop and Earl Turbinton, by Duke May. Only someone had enough interest in the jump to tear it out. What remained is enclosed.

From Jeanine's letter I gathered you were starting a bread factory, I hope it continued in operation a while longer and that you are now enjoying your boat.

Two things before Lil calls me to breakfast: Several of us have received out-of-character, flattering letters from Jim. I wonder off he is about to charge back into the fray. We may not survive another such disaster and what time the office has should be spent on the existing cases that sooner or later will go to trial and for which they cannot adequately have prepared. From my own experience, they are not answering letters, not taking the time to find and returned what they borrowed. In my case, I need this material. I regard this as ordered. What's the scoop? Do you know? I'll not be able to save him 'us) again and I have no reason to believe they'll not louse up again. The new Shaw indictment is as classic in its inadequacy and incompetence as the first, to cite a single example. And during a campaign...If you see Jim, one of the simple questions to which I have gotten no answer (and I'd had no answer to any) is the full identification of the Cuban organization Josephine Hugg told them Shaw gave space at ITM, details desirable but not vital.

There is one baddie I've gotten a lead on. I would not want him shadowed or anything like that, but I'd like to be able, in strictest confidence, to get a rundown on what is known of him by those likely to have knowledge of the rightmost extremists. He is probably from but not in New Orleans. It would be very important that no one knew of this interest, for that could be very dangerous. Best to you all.