

Dear Jim,

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I have not looked outside to see if it is snowing because the weather forecast predicted it for later in the day. If there is as little as 2 inches I'll be snowed in for a while again. Right now I'm just being careful but I've been thinking ahead to what is sometimes called ~~my~~ old age and I'm going to make some plans. I've a CBer friend who I've asked to inquire into the cost of a battery-operated rig that can reach the local sheriff's office, which monitors the CB emergency band. This part has nothing really to do with me or concerns for myself. Rather is it Lil's arrested glaucoma when I can't dig the lane out. And the local State police barracks has a medivac chopper crew if the snow gets too deep for other stuff. I'm wandering but I don't want you and Howard to get the notion that I'm doing all the things I should not. I do little digging to get the car in now, only a bit by the house. Getting out, downhill, is nothing. If it can go.

What I started to say has to do with your coming here. You'd have no trouble as far as the lane. Without snow tires you'd have to leave the car at the end. That is not what bothers me. Unless you want a couple of hours for thinking time I do not think you should take the time to travel. I'll take the bus in some day next week when the forecast is not bad if you'll compromise between my getting up time and yours and be at your office at 9:215. We can they get everything done, maybe I can do other things and I can still get the 2 p.m. bus back. If the weather stays not bad I can stay later. But there is much crazy driving and when I'm not supposed to be jarred, things like that, I'd rather play it safe and have good visibility. I do have a few blood tests and I can have them done at 8:30. This is for you to think about. It is premature now. The bad weather around here generally runs in 5-7 day cycles this time of the year. We can tell better next week.

We also have another affidavit to be concerned with, an addition to what I drafted in 1996 now that I've completed the indexes. I'll draft a couple of paragraphs for you.

Now on the committee I have a caution for you. About you it is unsolicited advice. As it relates me me I want them to have none ~~of~~ of my unpublished work and to know nothing about what I've gotten and am getting and have done. Not now and not while Aprague runs it and not after that until they establish bona fides. I granted them this in advance, was quite open and fully helpful to them, was double-crossed with some regularity, they have already done the most serious harm to truth, and with most of the same people ~~there~~ still there and a very dubious Memberships, I want something more than the appearance of being a decent person on the part of one investigator. It means no more than that he seems to be a good guy. So did Sprague and all the others I've dealt with on all the many committees other than Ozer.

If they master the leads in F-U they have enough to keep them busy for a while. But under no circumstances will I give them anything until Lane's book is printed and the TV stuff is in the can. That will give them enough time to wash the hats and us to see if the white is merely painted on. If Evans starts asking you for anything other than legal points tell him it is my work and to get it from me. He knows a lawyer is not the one to ask even if as a cop he had a career of getting lawyers to do what they should not. Don't let the pleasantness disarm you on this. If they straighten out I'll want to help them. If they are going to straighten out they have much to learn and that takes time.

Right now we do not even know if they are going to continue. If not there will be a wholesale stealing of files. Whether or not all members will have immediate access to what is one paper. So let us be careful with them and on fact or my work please refer them to me.

My favorite jazz program just went off with a traveller's alert. I'm glad I didn't go.

Best,