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Dear Gorky,

By the time you can receive this I'll have started on a trip I expect to last several weeks. The purpose is to obtain evidence for a suit in which I'm engaged. I expect it to take me to L.A. If I feel up to it after that perhaps I'll stop off in Vegas on the way back. If I do it will have to be only briefly because of the need of the litigation. This is the minimum. My concern also now is for how much I'm up to.

This is the first trip of more than a day or so since I left the hospital almost two years ago. I've not been on a plane for any length of time so I don't know if that will make any difference. And my physical strength is not what it was this time last year.

If you are able to come to LA that would be much better for me. If you can you can reach me through a reporter friend, Art Kevin of KMPC. His phone there is 469-5341. His home is 761-3436.

As you probably know by now Hall took the Fifth yesterday. He came up to me just before the hearing opened and asked that we get together afterward. We spent several hours drinking with his lawyer at his hotel.

What is surprising is that I recall no variation from the story he told me 2/68. I then had thought he was exaggerating and enlarging in various dramatic ways. But in several hours of chatting - I was not grilling him or anything like that - he was entirely consistent after all these years. Either he was truthful or had really memorized, which I do not find easy to believe.

The years have not changed him. He is the same flamboyant overgrown boy.

Another surprise is that the committee told him and his lawyer what you once stole for me and then told me your partner had destroyed it has, like the notebook. I'd like to know how this is possible. The obvious explanation is that it was not destroyed, as you said.

My opinion of the committee is unchanged. They are irresponsible, dishonest and wrong-headed. My respect for them is not increased by Rep. Yvonne Burke having called me a son of a bitch to a reporter friend.

If you are cooperating with them that is your affair. I hope you do not have unpleasant experiences and feelings afterward if you are.

Hall had agreed to be a voluntary witness without subpoena until they tried to deny him the right to have a witness with him. I know this and have from the first. I do not doubt him in this because it is exactly what my terms would have been and what his were when I persuaded him to go to New Orleans after he had defeated Harrison's subpoena in court and did not have to go.

Hope things are going well with you.

Best wishes,

Dear Gary,

6/3/77

Yesterday the House assassins committee had Loren Hall before them in a show effort that apparently ailed. I had written Jim a letter on it when he called me so I'll send you that copy. This will not be completely explanatory to you. I can add, briefly, that my experiences with them are all bad, satisfying me that they are not for real, not honest, not capable, and not likely if they can reform to have any credibility. I thus have nothing to do with them. With Hall they behaved particularly badly and without any need. They made an agreement with him through my good friend (and good reporter) Art Levin for two of the staff to interview him in Art's presence and then insisted on having no witness. While Hall would not accept that they serviced him with a subpoena executed a week earlier, which all of us took as advance indication of intent and bad faith.

I recall your interest in that matter, one of the reasons I write.

Another is the lingering Alvarez matter, about which I have been in touch with Paul.

There are some strange things about this Hall business, not all explained by the ignorance, irresponsibility and media-madness of the committee. One that troubles me is part of a story you may recall. Although I was not aware of it and had not asked for it and would not have had a stranger from whom I've since heard off and on did a black bag job on Hall for me. His partner later became frightened and the story I was given is that what they stole was destroyed. One of the items, an addressbook of Hall's, is in the committee's possession, from what ~~xxxxxx~~ they told him and his lawyer.

Paul has been pretty informative on the Alvarez matter. We have had disagreements and have not been in touch. But after I saw the Alvarez statement on his 1975 crap that his work on it was supported by ERDA I filed an FOIA request with ERDA and asked Paul for more information. It is Paul's belief that ERDA really had no connection with that project. Maybe Nobel laureates are this way, file a "legal notice" when it is not applicable. However, I have other information, not about ERDA, that makes me unsatisfied. I can also see that this is a cause of embarrassment for Paul. So I am asking if you know anything of this of the past. Anything Paul may have told you that could shed any light on this.

I'll be gone for a while. I leave for Dallas Friday. From there I expect to go to the west coast briefly. I'll be gone about two weeks or so.

Save that my physical strength is not what it was things are as they have been, more or less peaceful, with my main concentration now on King records I'm obtaining.

Hope you had a good vacation.

Best,