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Dear Lou,

Hasty update before getting into today's mail and work. I went into town this a.m. to get what papers I could and see how the arrest is being played. It remains a surprise to me and is as fair as any reporting can be. Meanwhile, in what TV and radio news I've seen and heard, no further mention at all. This indicates no intended belaboring or persecution by the press. In all the papers I've seen, no editorial yet.

Last night's Baltimore Evening Sun, no story. Last night's Washington Star, very close to Hoover and FBI, page 2 story from UPI mostly quoting Jim and in no way nasty. Incidentally, this refers to the filing of a 113-page affidavit filed by Justice. This should be available to you. I presume you have it already. I'd like to study it as soon as possible, if you can send me a copy.

Today's Baltimore Sun, Washington Post, Associated Press "B" wire, no story. In fact, the Post could not have intended one early yesterday, unless provided by a wire service, because they assigned the reporter who wrote their first story to a major one, the second lead (After The Pentagon Papers in prominence);

The New York Times didn't reach here today. I waited for it at the news agency.

And what I regard as unusual, to this moment none of those who have written about Jim, none who have disliked him in the press, has phoned me. There has been no single inquiry, no single solicitation of comment or backgrounding. At the least I suggest that this indicates no present intent of blowing the story up more.

The UPI story in yesterday's Star is from New Orleans. It also says that Jim is charged with getting \$1,000 Tuesday night, which bears on what I wrote you about Rosemary's question outside the court house.

Sincerely,