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Dear Lou,

When I got the one of my Altgens negatives back, knowing that you are busy I didn't bother writing to ask for the rest because I figured there'd be an occasion for writing you soon. The States' story of the 23rd, which I now have (and that is all I have on this) is that occasion. I've written to an editor tried to ask about doing a story, carbon enclosed.

The negative you returned was only the complete one. I also had enlarged negatives made, some of which appear on the inside back cover of WHITEWASH II. If they have been lost, I'll survive it. I may not need them again. But they cost me enough to want them if they still exist, on the chance that at some time they can have value. My work has progressed far, far past what you know, and this is not impossible.

Now I don't expect you to sit down and write me all you know about these newest developments with Gervais. But I do know that it would be no trouble at all for you to send me xeroxes of what you have, and this I would like, and if I am to do a story, as soon as possible. If you do not have transcripts of the TV shows, they should be available without much sweat if you ask. Clearly one was made of Rosemary's interview. And I may find it his exact words in answer to some questions what may have escaped detection.

Please have one of the girls do it. Thanks.

I find myself wondering now whether Pershing planned something like this all along. I think you will remember my telling you as soon as I read the affidavits that he could have made a case he carefully avoided making, that from what he did there is very little on Jim and none that isn't ambiguous. You should remember the one area where I said I thought they could do something and how that could be answered. So, I feel that despite my surprise, I have had a fairly good grasp of this from the first. And I'd like to be in a position to say that when he was forced to do what he didn't want to do, he carefully rigged it so the case wouldn't stack.

Meanwhile, if there is a picture of what the feds did to Jim's desk, I'd like that for use with this story.

And as I told you, I am loaded with official lying under oath, as others are not, from my own experiences. I have as I recall four cases of federal perjury, deliberate deception of the courts, etc.

Make an exception and find time to scratch a bit on this one, please. It is long overdue and it serves your(plural) interests. Besides, I should be in a position to do some decent press backgrounding.

Best regards, and thanks,