

Dear Jim,

4/30/75

I feel enough better to be disturbed about being too tired to work, so I guess I'm coming along. In fact, tonight, meaning very soon, I'm going to see if I can sleep in bed. The discomfort I suppose from the pleurisy has diminished that much. I slept only about 3-4 hours in the chair the past two nights.

I remain weak and very short of breath but I'm sure the fever is gone. I've not taken my temperature for several days, feeling no need. My head probably isn't as clear as it will get, though.

I don't recall if I've been carboning you on my battles with our medical coop's brass, but I'm sure I reported what I now realize must be fairly obvious symptoms just before I got sick, that is, became aware. Politely I've demanded a real checkup. I'll know more after Friday's reading of tomorrow's X-rays.

My problem with getting a good night's sleep is what it does to the old back injury. Makes it ache. But I need the rest and I've two broadcasts to do by phone tomorrow.

I don't know what you and JL will think of the stiff letters I sent the two sinners I believe to be beyond repentance. I felt it had to be done and thus did it instead of work on the spectro suit that I can't get to JL in time for him to use Friday anyway. If Wecht will just keep his yap shut for a while the spectro will turn out better. He can jeopardize it, besides again stealing my work.

Whatever the result and however I did it, the situation requires it and I'll not be staying this weak. If I have to battle them they are on notice. It will mean that something else won't get done but as of this moment separating them and isolating them from representation of the subject seems most important if again what can't be paid for.

Now that people have had time to think about it, it is going over fairly well. (I'm surprised the fink papers didn't go for it more, scandalously.) Howard called a few moments ago, having heard from Jerry P that I'm ill. (Howard tangled with Jaworski Monday and had him lying all over the place.) Jerry told him it had to be done. Those I've heard from approve, even those who initially opposed. Last night both of the main organizers phoned and want to know if I'll do it with them again. I said depends on how I am and what you do - only what I regard as responsible. I think they may have DC in mind.

I presume you've noticed Gregory's complete silence since my letter to ABC.

I've also seen no interview stories in the underground. Meaning those who send them have sent none.

Newhall says one of the wire services carried a story on what I'd not realized I said at the press conference on the spectro. I know if you see you'll send. But I said what I had not intended to and the wire could not have carried it unless I said it. It was accurate.

Moral: don't have a fever for a press conference.

As soon as I know I'll not need the copies of the 1/22/64 transcript I have or that Lesar has made more from a better copy I asked him to demand for me I'll send it. You'll want to read it with care.

Stupid Cyril who never tumbles to the real missed entirely how the government sought to hide the hottest records by dumping them into the Kennedy "library via delivery to Evelyn Lincoln. The copies I got years ago have to have come from there only. Among other things he does not understand.

I've got a new maxim: there is nothing not too important to trust to the experts. "Experts."

No word from UPI on the press conference. If the judge puts this on the calendar soon there may be no need for one or we may elect to release some with the interrogatories. No chance to discuss with Lesar except by phone so I haven't.

Mystery: How did Jones Harris know the nature of my speech - not the specific content by person - when I'd told nobody but had discussed by phone with Lesar?

The funny part is that I lay it on him in the speech, he wasn't there for it, and called up to congratulate me (he said) ~~xxx~~ about it.

Best,