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Dear Jim, there is nothing encouraging I can take from the thoughts that led me to write the enclosed letter to Dave. For that matter there is at the moment nothing else I can contort into an interpretation of encouragement. I want to clean up what I can and try to get to writing. I should have done this long ago. This also means I want to minimize all necessary things that can interfere with it when I get started. One of the things on my mind is the affidavits in 1996. You have not yet read the draft of ^{agrees} yet he has gone over it, had it retyped and executed and already in my hands. Of course you stay busy, too. However, you made me some promises when I drafted my affidavit for 226. You have had it for a week. I know you can't do anything about it until some time after you can receive this. Past the Williams hearing I know and perhaps more. We did have an agreement prior to my taking the time to draft it. One part is that you will not retype it yourself and will change only what you regard as essential to change. Another is that it will come back to me in time for Lil to ~~type~~ type it and for us to arrange for the attachments. You also have your arguments to prepare based on these affidavits in addition to the rest of the records. It all takes time, as you know from so much of it being your time. But I am beginning to worry about my time. And all these records with which I've been able to do nothing. Other real worries are too serious for me to be adding others like these...I've not thought 1448 thru but I'm inclined to favor either no appeal or a simple political, polemical one and let the judges like it or not as they see fit. Otherwise you'll continue bogged down. You simply do not have time for more. I also believe there is no point in more and that it is past time for a different approach. Besides, when it is not possible to do everything there must be evaluations of what holds more promise. I'd not much rather have you spending what extra time you might put into the appeal in getting fees out of 226 and 1996. And, of course, reducing the pressures on me, now assumes more importance to me and to the work I can yet do. Were my health the best there still would be very little time for a King book before Lil'get's tied up and can't even type. So please give me an affidavit schedule as soon as you can - a real and a practical one. These things have to become what for me and now is real and possible. So please let me know when you load will