

Dear Jim,

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Kershaw is off and running from the Memphis clips I'll be copying and sending.

He has been on radio with the Solomon Jones and the CB broadcast stories as significant and says the FBI did not do the ballistics work.

He has asked for a committee staff interview with Ray this week, any time beginning today, which suggests an orchestration with CBS.

Thereafter he is to be before the committee. This week's questioning is to be called a deposition.

He has two "new" sources, both called by him reliable, one a reporter, which means maybe hearsay. He may have called them "witnesses."

There is undoubtedly more.

More than enough for someone down there, given the disposition and determination, to give him the most serious problems.

Lardner had heard these reports of the deposing. His opinion is that Ray will make it up. I added that he may repeat what he'd been told. I think you'll find that this will be a fairly typical reporter's reaction. I believe it is justified. Ray had all the chance he needed to testify to anything substantial at the evidentiary hearing, whatever he may now claim. The truth is we could get nothing from him. I tried then and earlier.

I also raised with George the question of Ray's rationality. He then remembered that I had before and had suggested he speak to Valentine about his observations of the conditions of Jimmy's confinement. When I told George how long in solitary he did see the reasonableness of a question of rationality.

George has obtained the CBS Saturday transcript. He's mailed it to me. He had read it and what I sent and says it has nothing I did not give him. Rather than sent what he picked up at your office. He says it is part of the Dan Christensen story only.

Kershaw will be lucky not to have the Rays after him soon. They are working on the theory that Jerry is Raoul. So he is walking his clients into a trap over your advice. Maybe at this juncture, particularly because there is nothing much we can do about it, the best thing for Jimmy is to let him do it.

One of the Memphis papers refers to you as former counsel, if I do not get to copy and enclose them or if you do not have time to read them when they reach you. They do not say you were fired.

If it appears that it will not be easier for this whole thing to get crazier I do predict it will.

Hastily,