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Dear Art,

If Paul Valentine of the WxPost phones you, it is at my suggestion. He may be wanting to reach some of the former Cuba mercenaries for some checking.

And if you get to the federal court out there, there is a favor I'd appreciate.

38 of the first 39 pages of E. Howard Hunt's testimony before the Watergate grand jury were released when they were given to Judge Byrne. Ordinarily, as you know, grand jury testimony is secret. You may have seen parts on TV, as I did.

First time I could get to the U.S. Attorney's office in Washington, I asked for a copy. By then, they had resigned from the case and turned everything over to Cox. Even the evidence supposed to be on file.

Meanwhile, the Cox office says it is not giving anything out to be sure no accusations are made against it (aka living up to the First Amendment!). Not even what has already been made public. Only the self-serving statements of Cox do they give to anyone.

They said to ask the court out there or the local U.S. Attorney.

If you could, I'd appreciate it.

Busch seems to be going for indictments. There was a story around here that he also has asked for some of the Washington grand jury evidence. If it happens and if it presents no real problem to you, I'd appreciate each thing, whatever it is.

I believe we discussed Executive Action. I have read the book. It lives down to my low expectations on content and is worse than I expected as writing. Or, if it were merely trash, in my opinion the damage that can accrue would be less. All this kind of rubbish destroys a fraction of the little credibility that remains.

Thanks for anything you can do.

Sincerely,