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Dear Jerry,

Your letter of the 17th and the Haile papers came today, one of 22 pieces of mail. I'm glad to get it. I'll be seeing Jim tomorrow. I'll give it to him then. I won't have time to read it now but I will. He'll return it to you. But don't expect it right away because he is busy. Day after tomorrow we will be deposing some FBI agents, including two who helped frame Jimmy, unless they find some new way of stalling it. Finishing getting ready for this is why I'm going to Washington early in the morning. He has other cases he is also having to let slide for a while until after a hearing next week where he is after the CIA.

You make up your mind to what isn't true and never open it for some clean air to blow in. I have no personal interest in that case. My only interest in it is Jim's, how it can affect Jimmy and his remaining possibilities. So I have no interest in keeping these records. Jim will return them. I've the same interest in those you will yet get.

When you do, instead of sending what you want back have professional xeroxes made, send them to Jim and tell me what they cost. I'll send you a check. (You know I never asked you to pay for any reverse call and you have a regular job and income, I don't.)

You had these copies made on a machine that cuts paper off of a roll. It was set wrong and cut the paper in the wrong places, including the middle of sentences. This is another reason for taking court papers to a regular xerox place or someone with a regular xerox machine. Besides, would you not want Jim to benefit from the combined legal wisdom of the ages as it comes from Perry Mason down in Brushy and F. Lee Bailey in that Chicago suburb? Don't you want him to have every word?

But don't mail only copies. Make copies first. Jim is now having more trouble with his mail, not as easy out in the country, especially where I have friends. Jimmy wrote him a letter and sent me a carbon I received a week ago. As if today's Jim's had not reached him. I'm taking the carbon in for him so he'll know what Jimmy wrote.

By now you've heard the "ou Gordon Shew. I haven't. But don't be afraid to be critical. That is the way we all learn - all except you and Jimmy, anyway - from errors. I know I made some, some I did not go into on purpose and some I just slipped up on. Georgie Pie didn't like it. Not a bit! He was on the phone to Jim yesterday or the day before with his complaint. (He talks big but he stays away from me.) I'll take time to listen to it. And if Jimmy wants it I'll then send it to him, after Jim hears it. It is not aired around here.

If you can puff yourself up by threatening me go ahead and do it. But you make yourself look like a baby, not a man. Do you for a minute think I'd walk through toughest parts of Memphis with Henry Haile when he had two younger sidekick with him after what I'd done to him if I was afraid and that was long after midnight? Or give the FBI all the trouble I do in court if I were afraid? Or could begin to get what I do if I were? I have to put my head on their block to do this. So don't talk baby talk to me. It makes you a baby, not a man. Besides, although I could not prevent anything whoever made an effort from an awful lot of very strong and very able young men beginning with a couple of nephews who are prize-winning wrestlers.

Your "reliable source" on me and a book must be Lane. For him being a year late is pretty good. Ordinarily he could not find women in a whorehouse. You've gotta be losing your marbles. I wrote you about this and I told you about it in person, I believe. I know I discussed it with Jimmy and at some length, a year or more ago. So what else is new? As a matter of fact I wrote the part about you (and John and Jimmy) about 10 months ago. Having no need to badmouth you I didn't. If I'd had the need I would have. As I remember it I compared the three of you with Foreman and showed him, not you, up.

It also happens that from April to today I have not done any more writing on it.

However, I think I now will because I am now in a position to, when I can make the time.

Lane's publisher is advertising his so I guess it will be out soon. I have the ad. It is as I told you a bullshit book that makes a phoney hero out of Lane and hurts Jimmy.

Freed has part of his written. I'm sure Jimmy will be glad to know that the Black Panther paper is serializing it. This ~~gm~~ began with the issue dated 2/12. No, I have not read that crap. I like FBI secrets better.

As you will know by the time you get this I have been picking up some secrets about you. And John and Carol and Albert. I've kept Jim fully informed in Jimmy and John's interest. It takes a year or more for the FBI to respond. So if you want me to try to get their files on you in the case I now have, which can save that year and effort, let Jim know so he can try.

The way to do this is to write him a letter saying that you are waiving your rights to privacy under the Privacy Act to me only in my C.A. 75-1996. The to me only is for your protection, to keep them from giving it to others. You know what George would try. I promise you I will make no use of any of this. I really have no need for it. But I can get it and give it to you. In any event when I have what I will get, with or without this letter, I will let you have copies. In time this can also be helpful to John. Jim has what can have this sue now. He also has my notes on it.

The grapevine (no, not the tavern) tells me that Lane has had to make a choice between Sprague and the committee chairman, Gonzalez now that the two of them are at each other's throats. Remember I told you it is not the "Sprague committee." Because Sprague has come to detest him naturally Lane is now behind Gonzalez, whose survival chances are not all that good. They are about non-existent unless he comes up with something that he can pretend is not against Jimmy. He has only four weeks in which to do this. If he pulls it or if Sprague does to survive himself, then Jimmy's troubles only begin.

If you don't want to wind up a Hoosier in your own eyes when this comes to some kind of an end, next time he calls you ask him to tell you why he had pictures taken of women sticking sharp things into what on your body I do think you prize. And how the FBI got those pictures. In my book this is not very bright, especially with a pins and needles kick.

Sincerely,