



I have annotated Ray's memo on his relations with Stanton. I believe that this whole area is more important than we can now make it, although we may be able to make the allegations credible. We can discuss this, but I think it can now be but for the future. This is but another example of the terrible inhibitions imposed upon us and the real denial to the client of that to which he is entitled by the sickening combination of Bud's incompetence and ego. I could and should have had all of this long ago, should have been sent to investigate it, especially because it is, in essence, in F. AME-UP.

Forcing Stanton upon him when he didn't want him should be enough to mean that Ray was denied counsel of his choice, especially with his record on Stephens, which is also in F. AME-UP. A simple investigation could and should have been made as soon as Bud came into the case, instead of that stupidity of passing money away taking Flamonde to England looks for Sneyds. I would think a candidate for law school would have understood this. As you know, just about everything Bud nixed when I proposed it has turned out to be a real need and all that has been followed up has been dumped on you when it was too late. There is now nothing that can be done about the past, but there sure as hell is about the future, and at some point I will want some understanding and assurances on this.

The most casual examination of the alleged Stanton file shows many things I could and should have done as soon as we got it, instead of having it withheld from me. That Bud did not send me or do it himself is hardly short of criminal negligence. What can still be done about this I don't know, but my experience of the past tells me that the urgent need is to move fast, to do things because they can't be anticipated and foreclosed. Once somebody finds out that we have copies of some of the Stanton investigation, there is a hazard that everyone in it will be spoken to. You saw this when I took you to Canipe. I have seen it often and elsewhere.

Perhaps the most inexcusable thing of all because it is so simple is not identifying the papers with their source and the time, place and person of delivery. Please ask Bud for each of the things you finally gave me after I hollered.

Hope your Birmingham trip was successful.

Sincerely,