

Dear Jim,

10/21/72

When you are in New Orleans please go to Monk Zelden's office, National Bank of Commerce Bldg, and ask him to give you my set of the affidavits against Garrison and the DJ envelope in which I sent it to him. He has not responded to several requests that he return it. I find myself wondering why. If he questions your bona fides, you can tell him what you can know only from me, that I sent it insured under date of 12/8/71, wrote him again 2/6/72 about it, and when I was there in November bumped into him on the street when a young man was with me, then saw him at the Roosevelt where I was to lunch with Garrison, the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, sat and had a drink with Monk until Jim came, then Monk came over and spoke to me privately, asking me to go to his office, which I did and which is when he said he'd like to have the affidavits, and he then told me about the White decision. Meanwhile, let him talk and enjoy his way of talking and jokes.

You should see Guy Johnson. Tell him I told you about the Raul Esquivel offer he made and that the negative decision was Bud's. Maybe he'll take you to Raul. Take your tape recorder so you can make immediate and full notes, please. See if Guy has anything else for me or us, and ask him to explain why he told me to check those files on which I gave you the list of cases. Was it the Babich Brothers? We didn't have time when I finally caught up with him. His wife never told me he was not home, seeking divorce, and he got none of my messages. I saw him for the ~~xxx~~ first of two hours before leaving to catch my plane.

Ivon: tell him you are working with Bud and me and that I'd like to know why he has played games with letting me have the transcripts. He just may let you xerox them. Fast machine. Make 2-3 copies, one for you, one for me, and don't worry about collating until later. I suspect it is Jim's orders, not Louis' idea, but Mary suspects him and I'd have to admit that despite my feeling a case of suspicion can be made out. So be cool. Just walk in and wait for him. Go in the Broad entrance. His is the office suite on the right on the first floor. He is not usually there until after 10. Tell him, Moo, Jim and others hello for me.

If you want to see Gervais, he used to hang out in the 'Bleau coffee shop, always about 6 p.m. But there may have been changes. Guy was his lawyer. He is disgusted with the whole mess. I'm not at all sure you should try to see Pershing, but if you want to, tell him you carry my best wishes and the message that if he remembers our last meeting, he might now find it relevant and bearing on his claim to have been pressured. I remember it clearly. Bud remembers only that it happened, that he was there with me. He was.

...Company stayed longer than usual, too late for mailing or my continuing. I should find time to make a list of the eating place you may not know about-as of my last knowledge. Such can happen in a couple of years.

If I don't have one on a guy for you to talk to about hot money and such, remind me. I learned of his knowledge after I left there. He has Preservation Hall, a Creole restaurant and a hell of a lot more.

Best