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Dear Jim,

Ray phone^d to tell me the good news about you eye. Hope it continues to i^mprove!

He also told me that Newman will drop a couple of bombs at the COPA meeting.

I'll appreciate copies.

On the La Fontaine fantasy, I have a sketch of the jail and cell arrangement from Jim Leavelle, who went to some trouble that I appreciate. Oswald was always in the central one of the ^{three} max. security cells and while he was there the one on each side was empty. So to begin with there was no overcrowding. There was always a policeman sitting in front of the cell next to his, F2. From which he could see nothing except if he was standing at the right place and looking, the entrance to the elevator. Jim picked him up at F2 that ^{F3} Sunday morning. Besides which the real reason Elrod turned himself in in Memphis is that he was afraid he'd kill his wife. And the basis of their tale makes no sense anyway, as anyone who knew anything at all about Oswald or the police would have understood to begin with. And so little as the prospect was for anything decent in the Post, the prospect is now that much dimmer. As with other papers aware of that.

I am quite sorry you took so long to mail the article to Hougan, but thanks for it.

This LaFontaine ~~nonsense~~ ^{nonsense} diminishes chances anywhere because word on that kind of thing does get around.

And we all look foolish, the few who are not nuts included.

As you used to hear before and used to listen to.

Our best ^{wish} for the coming additional surgery,

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Dear Jim:

Enclosed the article by Harold Weisberg entitled "Senator Russell Dissents" which I had promised to send you long ago. He would very much appreciate any assistance you can offer in getting it published in a suitable forum. If you wish to call him about this, his phone number is (301) 473-8186. Don't call him after 6:00 PM, as he goes to sleep about this time.

Best regards,

Sincerely yours,

James H. Lesar

Harold - had eye surgery
on Monday. Left eye has
improved to 20/200, rt eye
to 20/25. More surgery to
follow. Best regards,
Sorry for the delay.
Jim