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Dear Dick:

Your letter of the 1st. has just reached me. The offices at the Trade Mart are being redone and I will not be headquartered there for another week or more.

I have received a letter from Nagell, as I had hoped I would, in which he was conversational, calm, polite and, as usual, somewhat cryptic. I do not have access to a xerox at the moment, so will have his letter copied in extenso and enclosed herewith.

I do not agree with Jim that Nagell has written off our relationship...notwithstanding his "thanks for nothing" close to one of his letters to me. His recent letter is sufficient proof of that, and I fully expect that more will follow. For my part, I will answer his letters and visit him at my own expense if ever he wishes it or indicates a further effort to help Jim's case. I am absolutely certain that the man can tell us much and can prove most of what he says, but that he must be given his own head and thoroughly satisfied that his confidences and personal trust will not be mishandled...and that he will be benefitted from it all...directly and substantially...by having his case brought to light, and pardoned, paroled, vindicated, what have you. He deserves it.

I will be glad to copy you with all of Nagell's correspondence to me and mine to him, so that you might better analyse and prepare your own work with him. Your file is now up to date and I will gladly keep it that way. I would appreciate a word or two from you as to your own progress.

My brief note to the Berkeley Barb, with personal check enclosed, was never answered, the check never cashed, and a copy of the ad never sent me. Perhaps the whole outfit closed down for the summer?

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In Los Angeles I visited

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In my last letter to Nagell, and in his last two to me, you will find that he cryptically mentions a letter he sent to my "associate" and, later, he says he is troubled that I do not instantly know to whom he refers, and Nagell continues to develop that topic for another paragraph or two. I have the feeling that he refers to JOHN, and that he is considerably more worried than appears since he relieved me from our privileged communication status.

I am not sure why he did this or where he expects it to lead, but I will keep you posted on any developments.

Best personal regards,

  
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