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Dear Jim,

Les was delayed getting here so I was able to make a quick trip through the draft of the affidavit.

I cued him in on more. I've loaned him some of my Partin file and told him you probably have other affidavits. You may hear from him before you get this. He is going back to New York this evening and will make his arrangements for a day in Washington tomorrow. Then he'll return tomorrow night or Tuesday morning.

He may go to Memphis this week. I may go with him, Newsday willing.

Each time we get together I take him a little farther in what we know. His work has been great, I need the help, and it makes a good arrangement for all of us, as I see it. He is a solid man and I do trust him.

I'm trying not to go too fast, but there are other matters that, in time, I'll turn over to him to see what he can do.

His immediate objective is an April 4 story. In order to be sure he does not have a dry hole I've promised him some of the FOIA material. He likes the window sill so if he does not by then have another story of his own he'll have this one. I've told him that you are making a set of xeroxes for him. He knows that it is confidential unless we agree otherwise. But the more he knows the more he can do on his own. To date what he has done on his own is, I think, great.

Until he visited me at Dick's when I was last in New York I did not know that he is also a heroin expert. He is part of Newsday's team that won the 1974 Pulitzer for their expose. A large crew for six months, the real way to do a real job. He loaned me their book. It is Mentor/Signet, which is New American Library, The Heroin Trail.

For our BR connection he is a good man. The Mafia put him out of Sicily at gunpoint but he stayed on the story. So, right now I'm filling him with that angle.

If I do go to Memphis, aside from what I can do to help him I plan to speak to my police contact, assuming he is in and still on that job. Probably Jay, too, to see if he's picked anything up since I saw him. Maybe the other Dwyer, too. Depends on how much time there is. I'd like to nail down that bugging of Foreman. Kay appears not to have followed the tip or not to have been able to.

But I don't know.

I'd like your opinion of the merits, if any, of a Newsday story on the DJ/FBI stonewalling and this one aspect of the covering up. Do you think it will help at this juncture?

There is only a week until April 4, this coming week. He have to do the story this coming week.

I have this suggestion: when you make xeroxes, please staple a set together for yourself if this reaches you before he does. I'd staple them exactly as my originals are stapled. With a little experimenting with my 3M machine I can make him better than xerox copies in case he wants to use facsimiles.

Instead of more than one walk today I've been nibbling away at making beds for oil to use for plants and herbs. Non-duty calls again!!

Best,