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Dear Les,

Jim was here today. We worked on interrogatories for the CIA in another suit.

He sees the same importance in Kelley's letter to you I do. We would like to be able to use it in court. I told him I had written you. I did not then know I had forgotten to mail the letter.

I'm sure glad you asked me about it.

The AP story is now more important because Ray used a poor copy of it from a Nashville paper in another filing with the 6th circuit. What he did is paste up his own copy. Then he had that xeroxed. He sent the xerox out of the jail, apparently, or they have an exceptionally poor machine, because he sent Jim a copy that I can't read and I'm sure Jim can't.

Jim has written the sixth circuit and Livingston. As I told you I thought he would be stipulated two conditions under which he would file the petition cert. I do not know if he has written McRae. I forgot to ask.

He has what he can use as the draft of an affidavit from me on the transcripts case, the one with Ford as McCarthy. He favored doing it that way but in the interest of time may file a shorter one himself. It will have the attachments of which one is the letter I told you about giving the Ford game away.

He also has the interrogatories to put in the shape he wants. I think the questions themselves, all legitimate, will tell a story. This is one of the advantages of having the facts and the records. With this filing we'll probably have some time to wait before answers can be expected. He'll probably send me a draft to go over before filing.

Back to the transcript case, it is likely he'll file a motion for summary judgment with the affidavit and attachments, restricted to that one transcript of 5/16/64. If we win I'll probably release it immediately. If we then get it. They may appeal. If they do I may hold a press conference and read the letters and their arguments and have a few comments. It really is crude and raw, using the machinery of government to misuse the law to save Ford's face in an election year.

The amount of disinformation in the wake of the Schweiker report is like garbage trailing a tramp stamer. I've seen no stories but I've had a few calls. None is credible. One, I think I was told UPI, has Sturgis as a quoted source. This is a rehash, from what I was told, of what I published in 1966 and 1967. The other one originates with the N.Y. Daily News. It has Ruby meeting with Castro. Not the Convertibles. The Beard. I've been getting walls on this for a week. But the punk couldn't quite make hood. He was down to turn-around money. I've handled the records. He was buying checks to pay bills with, not using his own checking account.

Jim did not leave for here until after his mail came. No order on King, no word on the typing of the transcript.

Best,