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Dear Les,

There is more but this more will have to await our being able to talk.

I've been able to by-pass the chairman of the King subcommittee, which may not be necessary soon,

I've proposed that if you have time before you leave and if they can arrange it by then you testify on your own inquiry and what you were told.

If you have the time, are you willing?

I hope so on both. It will serve many purposes, all good.

Bud seemed to believe that Fauntroy is a little disenchanted with Lane. There seems to be no chance that he will have any official connections. He may have his own back-channel with some member but I'm inclined to believe that with all his tooting getting the truth under oath will end that.

Next session this is going to be a tough situation. This, in my view, makes the building of a good record in this session essential. It can inhibit the finks and inform those of serious intent. It can also set the future course. I do believe each is important.

Think also about the time precluding it and what we do then. I want you to be credited with what you did and not ripped off as I have been for so long. I think it is also no less than minimal fairness to Newsday, which paid the freight and did copy-right the stories. (I gave copies to Bud to take to the chairman. They'll probably make and distribute other copies.) If it turns out to be impossible for you to do this yourself, what would you think of my testifying to it for you? Committees of the Congress can take hearsay testimony. However, if you are willing, I think that it can be improvised fairly rapidly. ~~Sex~~ I really would much rather have you do this if it is at all possible before you leave. Please let me know as soon as you can what your schedule is and if you want to testify and if it is possible for you now. I can then see what I can do. I am inclined to believe that preparation would not take much time, that you could inform those who would question you of what you could testify to of an evening or night and could then testify in the morning and be back that afternoon.

I don't really know but I am inclined to believe that this kind of first-person testimony could have many importances, particularly in deterring the nuts on the committee from listening to the ~~sirens~~ siren songs of the whores.

I'll be away Thursday and Friday from early morning until suppertime.

~~xx~~ Best,