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Dear Les,

You had the excuse of an empty stomach and full glasses Monday night, I of ill-fitting venous supports that now constrict while they support. It bothered me more yesterday than today, but it still bothers. (The new ones were worse.)

So, we both forgot. (But you carry it well!)

If you forgot you raised the question have we any conflict or competition? I said I see none. I'm willing to tell you all I know and have no problems with telling you what I don't want you to use but do want you to know in confidence. We have our obligations to ourselves but not these alone. The more we can work together the more chance of worthwhile accomplishment. You can do what I can't. Let's do it. Maybe something good can come of it, what can't go in our pockets and is better.

In some instances, as with the FBI penetration of the Invaders, I'm all for your advance use. Where I'm not, as I have, I'll spell it out. This includes the connection, where again you have been able to do what I could not. We'll now know if that angle pays off. Without your working on this, again it would be impossible for me.

Where I may not or won't want advance use, as with some or all of what I'm doing through court and suits, I'll let you know - what I don't want used and what I get.

Or, I don't regard ~~xxxx~~ us as competitors. Rather co-workers. And what I'll use will be fully credited.

This gets me back to what I also forgot: the notes. I've written myself to where I have to go back and fill in gaps. I have at least one chapter to do besides the second, which I plan for what you did with the Invaders lead. Until after the end of next week I can't go much farther in new writing. I'd like to do that second chapter whenever it is possible for you to send me the copies of the notes. No real rush. I'll have to be away much of next week. When I'm not home I'll be with Lesar. I'm going to Washington early Tuesday morning to paw through Hoover's most sacred. If they do not stonewall this may latbto or through the calendar call on Friday. If they stonewall it will take less time. But it will take time. So, if you can get them to me by the end of next week that will be soon enough. If I'm in Washington less than I expect I've hours of taped interviews to go over and abstract for that other chapter.

I think Jim may have some Osborne material. I've written him a reminder in case he does. You can have it. He also has some affidavits Hoffa's people collected on Partin. He may have what I may not. I really do think, if your desk is willing, that you ought to go over my stuff first. This is a fair amount of reading. You can use my machine to copy anything you want. If it is legal-size you'll have to get a package of paper because I use only letter-size. It is 3M dual spectrum paper, available locally.

Sometimes we duplicate each others files, sometimes we don't. Firstthere will be easier for you and take less time because he has no copying machine and I can out up a card table for you to work on without his wonderful kid scattering what you'll be working on. If you do this first you'll have less work there and he'll have less to refile after you copy.

Ken has not responded to my similar JFK offers. I'm sorry. Maybe he has someone plowing through Post Mortem.

These kinds of situations are not uncommon and I can take little time for exploring markets. I have several possibilities right now. One is on a well-reported story where everybody missed the kicker. Another is probably a victim of some CIA drug experiments. We've spent hours on the phone, he is remarkably well informed and I've been able to supplement what he's told me. I wrote a friend on the Enquirer.

Congress people have little prospect of going anywhere with the real possibilities in the JFK case. They are too timid and they are listening to the wrong and uninformed and misinformed people generally self-promoters, not workers. Breaking that, one is possible and there is extensive interest. I can tell from my mail, which hasn't slackened materially in several years.

Best,