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Dear Les,

Hope the touch of sore throat is no more and over by now.

If it is the new flu mutation the friend I visited after we parted in New York had it gavek him a rough week.

Here is the Toronto Star version of your and Paul Valentine's stories. You may have forgotten you wanted it. My copying machine isn't working well.

Ordinarily a calendar call is a formality. How it will go in my suit for the missing King assassination evidence I've asked for I won't try to guess because of the position in which the judge is. I'll know Thursday. If there is anything you should know I'll phone.

The Post did not carry your story. ~~saturday~~ If it has the second today → I've not gone out for the paper yet - I'll let you know.

UPI carried a story on the first, short as it appeared in the Star. It was not on the UPI radio wire. I checked with the local station. The news editor also told me it was in nothing CBS fed them.

When I read the government's incredible appeals brief in the case certain to be precedent again under the revised FOIA there was something about which I phoned you, thinking it would make a story. Spoke to Ken Brief, ^{who} ~~what~~ was interested and wanted to see it and what is in Post Mortem. Thatx suit is for JFK assassination scientific evidence. One of their "defenses" amount to saying the FBI did n~~o~~t really investigate.

I doubt I have ever seen such deliberate official dishonesty as there is in this brief, a risk they have to take. Otherwise the case comes apart in court. In addition, this court ruled against me in the first suit for the same material. It is the first cited by C~~o~~ngress as requiring revision of the law.

I could not get copies of the briefs for Ken by the time I could get around to ~~read~~ reading this one. Jim Lesar had left to argue the Ray appeal at 6th circuit. I'll ask him to send them as soon as possible, ~~possibly~~ probably after Thursday's hearing. I've encouraged him to have the reporter call me about any questions because he'll have ~~no~~ knowledge of what is in the court record at district level.

Although you had told me to wait on Post Mortem I felt that with this development I shpuld mention it to Ken. I also tried to explain with long but hasty letter. I am supposed to have help today - brave new world!- a student to do some typing. I've done about 10,000 words of the new book and had to get them ready first.

Hope your illness is short and mild. I have a selfish interest. You are doing great work, which pleases me much and earns respect. I look forward to more as fast as possible!

Best,