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Dear Jerry, *Patchen*

While the probabilities of usefulness or connection ^{may} be slight, I think it not a complete waste of time to call to your attention the murder of Miami lawyer Harvey St. Jean. Today's Washington Post has an inadequate but somewhat provocative story on it.

Because the story, datelined yesterday, does not say when St. Jean was killed, I presume it was before yesterday.

St. Jean's clients are said to include narcotics people and Melvin Powers and George LaMay. I do not know if his representation of Powers is current but if it were it might be interesting.

Miami Beach, not Miami. And apparently a professional job.

Jim had just filed our rebuttal, whatever it is called. And he will now continue to be too busy because the Supreme Court is considering cert on the discovery issue. He also has other pressing matters on the Ray case besides others he has had to let wait, including efforts to collect money due me.

The book is not doing badly. Well considering our circumstances. We can't advertise or pay for promotions. The two wholesalers who have it have not put it out, despite excellent news attention in their cities. And orders. (If you know a Houston book wholesaler or any one anywhere, straight trade terms, fully returnable.)

Now I have sold enough to repay 20% of what ^{is} borrowed to pay the printer may interest you. Did this in the first two weeks.

I used two news contacts. The result was a large and good Washington Post story and two large wire-service stories plus one by a seemingly kooky sort of underground by-mail news service catering to the youth-oriented and largely college mostly FM radio stations.

These attracted enough attention for many radio broadcasts, all by phone and none initiated by me. (Couldn't pay the phone bill or I'd have done more!) Almost all the orders are from this radio attention, mostly talk shows with some news beepers. I was able to give my address and the cost of the book on them and to read excerpts from the transcript.

I've also sold a non-exclusive, one-time use of the Ford part for enough to pay for most of the stamps to send a flyer to all the several thousand on our mailing list. That many people (really more) have written me. I expect it to generate more sales than it will cost. It always has.

If you know any talk-show people we'd appreciate a word to them. Wherever they are. These calls have come from all over but mostly west of the Appalachians. They include the Canadian Broadcast radio network and individual stations as far away as Honolulu. From Milwaukee in the north inside the U.S. to New Orleans in the south and Arizona and New Mexico in the southwest. This diversity and the extent of these calls in number plus the total absence of any aside comments in any newspaper signal, I think, a change in attitude. One California paper had more than 40 column inches on the front page alone. So, we have hope. But need any help we can get.

Hope your work is proceeding well.

Sincerely,