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Dear Orestes,

I am ill. Not Nixon but the same trouble. I think it is less serious. However, it limits what I can do and the time I can now take to write you. Called phlebitis.

This is not to be worried about. But because I owe you the directness of a friend I write you directly: you made a mistake not to listen to me on the church committee.

The timing was wrong and the arrangements were, too. Also you appear to have told them not exactly what you told me.

It is not my purpose to intrude into your affairs. When I can do so little and the first thing I do out of bed today is write you - almost supertime - I hope you will understand it is because you have been my friend and I want it that way. Also, I try to be a friend to a friend.

There is much politics of a kind you do not know involved in all of this. Please listen to me and do not get ground up in the middle of it.

I do not now see any trouble for you, so please don't worry. There is no need to. I am sure I will in time, when it is time, be consulted about everything. However, if you gave a statement - and I did not take time to find out because I had little time and with the illness that was too much - please send me a copy. If you cannot, I think it would be good if you would let me know what you said or intended to say.

Aside from all the different forces now at work and those that will be the best of these people are really quite busy. All of this is new to them. Some of them are besieged by nuts. (One recently wrote about you as part of the assassination plot, actually. Again, don't worry. He is uneducated and crazy and if you have not heard about it you know it is not hurting you. I cite it only as an example, not to worry you. Don't worry.)

If you are, as I long ago recommended, patient, I believe you will be listened to. If you'd like, I'll then be glad to be alongside of you. But the time is not now. Too soon. And one result is that you will not be listened to and what you know that is true will be wasted.

If as I hope I will not be operated on my activity will be limited and I'll be too busy. Soon I'll have another book out. A very big one that I'll have to sell for \$10/75, which may cut the sale down.

I will have to take care of that first with what time I have. So, if I do not reply do not take it wrong. It will be only that I cannot. If you write.

I hope everything is well with you,

Sincerely,