

Dear Jim,

11/14/74

Your letter of the 12th came today. Thanks.

After we spoke I asked Jim if he can think of any reason why Jimmy ought not answer questions he was asked in court. He thinks of none. However, looking toward the future, I would suggest that these questions be prepared in advance and the questions rather than answers be ~~submitted~~ considered by counsel. While it is possible that Jimmy might go too far in some responses, I doubt it. My concern is not with truthfulness because I'm confident Jimmy has been truthful and will be.

My own view on timing is that there is not any timing. This is a legitimate story centering around unprecedented abuse of a prisoner whose charge that it is for pressure, to dissuade him from pursuing his rights, did not receive even pro forma denial. Something that seemed to be without journalistic interest. Technically the warden is the respondent. Neither he nor any representative testified on any aspect, including Jimmy's charges.

This story addresses the rights of others. I therefore see no need to hold back or to consider other factors. The sooner attention is drawn to abuses of this nature the sooner the possibility of correction. More than Jimmy's rights are at issue. However, it also is possible that these hardheads might decide to treat him a bit better with some attention to what they are and have been doing.

I'll try to see Bud tomorrow when I'm in DC. I know Jim and I will be getting together. I'll then show him and him alone the letters. I'll also be sending you, in confidence, some I'll be writing. They may give you a better overall view.

The printer has not yet delivered books to me. I have one remaining of the few I got from Jim. Delivery is rescheduled for Monday, not a bit too soon with pub date four days thereafter. I've addressed an envelope to you (wrong size the way this print job went!) so Jim can mail you a copy perhaps as soon as tomorrow.

There seems to have been a slight delay in the beginning of the effort to override Ford's FOI veto. The Senate seems impressed by the DJ cost argument. I've made a suggestion to counter it.

I wish someone who might be listened to at a place like the Sunday Times Magazine would suggest that it buy the condensation rights to Jim's analysis of how FOI worked with us.

If Bud is not in court tomorrow I'll be at his office long before lunch so I should be able to write further by Saturday.

Best,