

Dear Jim,

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I'm still sort of dispossessed by the fantastic amount of work Howard and his friend are doing. It requires use of my portable and its small type by the good typist. They return tomorrow. Floyd is coming up and will take them to the airport, saving me the time and the extra trip. Floyd was coming anyway.

Dave Simon and some friends were up today with some of the research Dave has gotten for the appeal and some leads on others. I've put it aside unread for you. It includes the entire Missouri Law Review article.

Hopefully beginning in the morning I can start reading the extensive annotations. If there is one I can't understand or think can be done better another way I want to discuss it with Howard before he leaves. There won't be much time for this. His notes are abundant.

= Then there will be a whole new series of other needs. One will require that I see my copyright friend.

We have an exact count on the pages of text now but guesstimates only (probably close) on the appendix. It looks like the whole thing will run 660 pages, with 163 of actual appendix, plus much in the text. Meaning much appendix material where appropriate.

So, you are updated on that.

Dave Wrone phoned me after he phoned you. It is always good to hear from him. I'm disappointed that his students are going for the boiling-pot method. And I'd be glad to get out there again. But as I did not think when he spoke, I can't until PM is in manufacture. They have to schedule this work to keep the expensive presses busy, so this means once it is plated and press ready. If he can make arrangements.

He seems to understand about an honorarium. I told him I have to do it through the speakers' bureau, which seems to have gathered all the nuts for monopoly and competition. I can also do it after PM is out. He wants to line up all the colleges, which would be great.

His TV show~~st~~ was not aired until you said. What I heard from the Milwaukee Courier people indicates he was fine. He says they liked the time I spent explaining to them, by phone.

The newest version of the Oswald note to the FBI is predictable. With it destroyed they have it adding to their case, LHO the mad Dallas bomber. Took rather ~~ix~~ long to cook this one up. Probably heavy prepping, I guess. They can cite the Bringuier ~~fixix~~ fictions in support. That past has LHO about to blow the Mississippi River bridges down. I hope I'll get Dallas copies. That could be an Aynesworth tale. (Lonnie did not come and did not call. Busy as we were, just as good.)

We are running into a Lil bottleneck. She has gotten a couple of Block's tougher problems given to her and has other work like it. She also has the indexing to finish and type before I can think of manufacture. Today the orders were heavy and mostly for NW IV, so that also means work. The new indexing includes the entire appendix, so there is much work remaining, with competition for the time. We'll make it, faster with fewer interruptions, but I can't forecast the time. I'm even afraid to handle the appendix masters for xeroxing for the indexing. Fear that a small correction might fall off.

The mail and the nutty developments are good auguries. I'm even going to have to put decent clothes on and go to the bank and make the arrangements for a loan.

= One thing seems certain: the appendix is thoroughly annotated.

Best,