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Dear Bud,

The enclosed letters and those I left for you yesterday will be self-explanatory. I do not think we should move to dismiss against Justice until we get these two things. And I cancelled the orders for pictures under conditions whereby we can still get them. I just didn't have the money and they told me it would take three more weeks. If there are any you want, all I have to do is phone Rolapp. By that time they'll know how much a picture costs.

I read the Bonebrake affidavit hastily last night. You now have copies of it and the other pages. The one thing that particularly attracted my attention may not have meaning, but it may suggest things to you, as it did to me. This is the manner in which he handles the identification and comparison of the fingerprints, beginning with the set originating with the LA police dept, which is dated, and his undated comparison with those from the Missouri pen. There is at least a very strong inference that he didn't begin with those from Missouri or couldn't find them if he had them. With Ray an escapee and wanted, this does seem a bit odd.

Paul has just returned to you 850 pages of files he borrowed. He has written suggesting I go over these pages. I'd appreciate it if you could hold off on the refiling until I can do this. I'll probably have to go to BC some day next week anyway and could get them then.

I had a brief chat with Rolapp yesterday. It made me feel a little like King Canute. Those guys are incapable of thinking, or breaking out of the captivity in which they find themselves. I suggested he might want to reread the first (unanswered) letter I wrote Mitchell after he became AG, in which I suggested those who had misinformed his predecessor were not likely to correct their mistakes for him and rather had an interest in not doing this. A possible result, I suggested, would be problems for the new administration. I offered to go over each disputed point with the evidence I had and they could see where truth lay and save themselves all this trouble and damage to their reputations. I assured him that where I asked for something I had evidence it existed, things like that. He did no more than I expected. He merely thanked me, with an obvious lack of sincerity. But at least I felt I'd made the effort, that I'd done what an honorable man should do.

Paul has also sent me a carbon of a brief memo he sent me for you. I am returning it to him as a means of requesting amplification on some points. He and I have both discussed this with you, so you know its contents. I'll give it to you with any amplification he provides when he has time to return it.

Hope you found some sunny rays on your trip. In case it was not in the papers you saw (and it isn't in those I see), Stoner is running for governor of Georgia and Jerry is his campaign manager.

Sincerely,

cc Paul