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Dear Howard (Dick),

As I work my way down through the accumulation, I return to one aspect of the Skolnick thing where you can help and where your youth can be the fulcrum necessary for the proper intellectual judo hold.

Skolnick's press release on his suit was not his own but was WCFL's. If you will do what I want, do not tell him this, for the key to the animated tragedy is an incredible ego, and do not offend it, but appeal to it. I want a copy of that press release because I think I have a case against WCFL, which has money, as much as against Skolnick, who probably doesn't.

I think if you were to tell him how young an inexperienced in these matters you are and how impressed you are with the publicity and attention he was able to get for his suit whereas others have not been able to, and ask him to tell you how he did it and to give you a copy of his press release so you can study it closely, he might do it. Give him all the opportunity possible to exercise that ego, to run the rest of us down, to say how great he is, etc.

While you are at it, you might also ask him if any other papers have been filed in the suit, by him or the government, and ask for copies of them also. Do not tell him you know he chickened or why. Let him present this to you, if he does, as a marvelous stratagem, a clever means by which he obstructed injustice, etc.

I have decided to include pictures of the sides of 399 in the complaint on the spectro, so I expect that this a.m. I'll be going to the photographer's, and I'll also get a negative or the shirt collar, enlarged. Bud seemed to think it might be a good idea, so rather than use a set of my Archives prints, I think I'll get both printed on one. I've heard nothing from Archives on my appeal for a picture of the shirt not with the photoengraving screen. They may answer me and they may not. I'd like to proceed rapidly if they do not. Here also maybe you can help. Can you make an enlargement of the area of interest from what was supplied you so that these dots, on magnification, hide all detail? I guess the greater the enlargement, so long as it stays within what could be expected of a decent print, the more effectively the point will be made. This is the kind of simple thing that can be most effective. If you cannot, let me know and I'll seek other means. If you can, I'd like at least two prints, one to attach to the complaint, another to have in file for use in court.

Thanks and best regards,