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Dear Howard,

If the last thing I would do is take Joesten's word for anything, even the time of day, next thing is to ignore what may have possible significance if not ignoring it is no sweat. So, I attach the opening of what appears likely to be a Joesten-treatment of Lattimer from Resident and Staff Physician, from the 1/15/72 "Truth" Letter.

I have a special reason. Please understand this involves memory, not certainty, and names of organizations of similar purposes may sound alike. Also, it involved a Joesten interpretation of a perhaps-cited source.

It is my recollection that Ned told me he was a member of the board of directors of the African-American Institute and that among his co-directors is Katzenbach.

If this is the case, and if everything Joesten says and infers is correct, and if the Ramparts piece is quoted correctly, that still need not mean anything, so do not take this as an accusation. Rather accept it as a query from the "Let's see" rather than the "By God!" department for when, as I suspect from the local schedules you soon will be, again at school and convenient to the library.

Enclosed, for my return for my memo Transfer file, is Kelly's rather prompt rejection of my letter, of which you have a copy. I suggest you might want to read it with care. I have an idea of how I'll respond, but I'd rather let it mill around in my subconscious for a while. Because I expected nothing, I rather like this. I'll carbon, as usual. If you have and have time for any comments, welcome.

Hunt was due for a deposition in McWilliams' office this morning. With the interest in the story and the mystery surrounding him and his disappearance, I am surprised that listening to WTOP radio for 15 minutes before their 1 p.m. news showed nothing. Nothing on NBC's 12:55 net news, and nothing on WTOP-TV's 1:30 half-hour news. By then he should have been photographed or it should have been known that he risked contempt and didn't show. On CBS net radio news 2 p.m. nothing, and nothing in summary of next segment WTOP radio news. Strange silence. So, if a picture of him doesn't appear soon, when you are next in the library, it may be interesting to see if, should they have any of his books, there is a dust-jacket picture and if so, if xeroxable. Strange no papers had had publisher promo pix of Hunt, too. Be interesting to see who is his lawyer. Bud says he doesn't have to invoke 5th, can just refuse to answer. I believe that with the depositions ordered by the court, there is a compulsion he can't easily evade. Bud had heard that for at least the past several days Hunt was around. Unless vacationing, I suspect he has been close for some time. He had much to do and for which to prepare and many who were directly and indirectly involved with whom to consult or from whom to hear. No rushes, and thanks,