

6/21/77

Dear Harold,

I was glad to hear from you about the details of your exciting and successful trip to Dallas with a last minute diversion to NY. I was sick to learn that I had missed you on Good Morning America, but if you were on the first hour I couldn't have gotten it anyway here in Jax--the local ABC station carries only the second hour. I think it's great that they had you on and that you accepted. The day before they had a taped interview with Lane and Jerry Ray. I taped it for you, but it may not be too clear. I'm sending that tape ~~separately~~ *no-enclosed*

Duane and I are finally settled in our new apartment, which we like very much. Moving was hectic, especially with it starting the day after the bar exam, which was a drain on me. I'm not looking forward to the second part late in July and studying for it is even more boring than for the first part. But I am very much looking forward to starting work (July 4 or 5). I visited my Judge once so far and we had a very nice chat, including reflections from him about how upsetting what the Burger court is doing is, "chipping away," as he puts it, at what it took the Warren Court so long to accomplish. He will also help however he can in my pursuit of my next ambition--clerking on the Supreme Court (a longshot but worth the try). (Also, Duane got a job right away--at the Jax blood bank, this time to draw blood; he's being trained for it now.)

Over the past couple months I've let a lot of things lag, including my FOIA efforts. I'm trying to catch up on them again. As you'll see from carbons sent separately, I've finally gotten off requests as a follow-up on that Kelley memo about the memo of transfer and withholding it from you. My job, I'm afraid, will prevent me from suing for the time being. The judge has no objection to it, but I honestly don't believe I'd have the time to do my job and pursue the suit as it should be, especially with taking depositions. I also think it may be better to wait until my job ends and I have amassed some funds. As you know, given the nature of my request, the field is virtually laid open as to who I could depose who would have relevant testimony to give--such as Burkley, Specter, Kelley (Tom), even Rhoads. It could be the vehicle for making an enormously important record, and I want to be able to do it right. But doing it right will be costly and time-consuming, forcing me to wait.

My new phone # is 904-743-5845. Please send my best wishes to Lil, and keep up the tremendous work.

Best,



Dear Howard,

6/24/77

Glad to get your 6/21 and the enclosed Lane-Jerry Ray taps. And to hear that you are settling in with one who appears to be what we surely need, a good judge and a good person.

Your belief that you should let litigation for record await the end of this clerkship seems wise to me. There is time. And it will take time. I'm sure it also will be easier later. That more will be available.

I'll have more on some aspects. Although it has not yet reached me the Archives was to have had a large package here now. I am now getting everything, supposedly, as the best and in the long run perhaps least expensive course. I may not go over it but I hope to get each record in a separate file folder, so retrieval should not be all that hard.

What now is not easy, despite the fine and faster machine, is copying after retrieval. Ed has about 4,000 extra copies she is working on (different subject) and tomorrow we'll have another 1,000 FBI pages. Because I have given Dave a duplicate set of Batch D I'll ask him to send what you those you asked for. This will also help build his use statistics.

By the time I had the pool fit for swimming the weather turned too cool for me to do it. Ed has been.

The animals have found her new garden spot. One night all the fine lettuce disappeared and almost all the beans with it. She had not had time to apply her newspaper mulch which in the past, once it was wet, dry and then crinkly, discouraged them. She has started it now, though.

I'm behind in the mowing as well as all else and somewhat tired.

Jim stays too busy, too.

We are in court in 75-1996 on the 30th, a calendar call. Jim will be filing some nothing before then.

I hear that in California Lane has announced he is now Jimmy Ray's co-counsel.

Hope all keeps going well for you.

Best,