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Dear Paul,

Our mail comes in and goes out at the same time. Because the time is unpredictable and because the trip to and from the box is 1,000 feet, if I'm busy the mail may be here without my knowing it unless I want exercise. So, I'd written you and sealed the enclosed letter before I saw today's mail with the two clips xeroxed from you. I've opened it to include this.

In my (non-lawyer's) opinion Goodwin and Hirschkop both stretched a bit much.

The suggestion that Hirschkop was fishing is confirmed by the reference to subpoenaing of Butterfield and taking ~~Ernst~~ Frouty at face value.

But as I'm sure you realize, Goodwin also went too far.

Enough too far so that at some point it might make a vital difference to the Hunts.

Goodwin also erred in saying that the Hunts are not entitled to the CIA files on themselves. They are. Others are not.

Again I'm surprised, unless the reporting is deficient, that the old civil-liberties lawyer Hirschkop was not aware of this.

Woodward may not be as completely detached as the surface might indicate, if what I've been told is correct. This information suggests that his bias is in favor of the Hunts, which could make what I have more important.

If you would please identify the clippings I am so glad to get I'd appreciate it. This could give them more value in the future. The name of the papers and the date is enough.

Best regards,

Harold Weisberg