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Dear Paul,

If you are just starting in your own office and you are doing any better than making the overhead you are doing well. Better will come.

Gels is a good reporter. He sees conspiracies where I do not but he is able.

I figured the Hunt's would find a way out and that Ferman would not go to jail. I still think he won't, if only on age. But he belongs there.

My recollection is that the Hunt's had a handle on Woodward, too.

I'll be glad to get the clippings.

I don't know anything about Gonzalez. I can believe he is a good person. He is also a fool. After I started this I had a call from a reporter who told me of some of Gonzalez' recent jackassery. I'm having nothing to do with them because of their serious misconduct. Sprague may be a tough prosecutor but he has made a very big mess of this, so much so that I do wonder. He is, without doubt, able.

From my experience it is not safe to deal even with those who seem to be good people there. They can't control what they get and it is inevitable that others do get what they have and the record is that they then misuse it.

This before a real gangup, which is inevitable, begins. You can imagine when the press sense of when you know begin their real operations.

However//the Hunt's latched onto Hirschke they could not have done better!

As you know I have no current scorecard. I'm wondering how Kelly came out. I've not heard from Jerry Patchen in a long time.

Paul, if any of this gets close to you you can't be too careful. It is a pretty Byzantine situation on both assassinations. I have much of what can do tremendous damage to the FBI and the CIA both. I have it safely duplicated out of my possession, too. If there is any investigation, no matter how irresponsible and undependable, any attention to some of the things I have is going to damage them. How knew how it works once danger is perceived. Doesn't make much difference who ~~is~~ else is hurt, as long as it is someone else.

Thanks and best regards,

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Dear Harold:

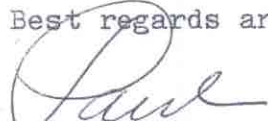
The newspaper man is Earl Golz. The Hunts' were cut loose as follows: W.H. Hunt, obstruction charges dismissed; N.B. Hunt and Ralph Shank, five for action bordering on contempt of Court.

Hal Woodard, the Federal Judge, has not set a trial for Foreman. I will try to dig up the newspaper clippings for you.

I think Henry Gonzales, who will head the House Committee, is a good person.

I am making the overhead at the office and am paid very little for my time.

Best regards and stay in touch,



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