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De_r Paul,

Glad to see you have your own office and enough drag to get a phone number with four zeros.

Do you won't have to go into your files on Foreman I ^{quote} ~~quote~~ your words, "I suppose the charges stemming out of the wire tap are still current, but since everybody else was disposed of in the case, I presume his will never be heard."

I was not aware that all the defendants except Foreman had had the end come. I sure would like to know how with such. Obstructing justice, in my youth, was regarded with some seriousness. If you can send me copies of what is required to know what happened I sure would appreciate it.

Does this mean the Hunts are out from under? That Hirschke is not saddled with Foreman as a co-defendant with his clients the Hunts?

This reminds me that I have not heard from Jerry Patachen in some time. I presume you know he was Jen Kelley's cousin and hot for The Texas Tiger, as Foreman likes to be called. Did he make some kind of deal? (He impressed me favorably, by the way, but then I trust everybody.)

I saw some of the evidence against Foreman before the indictments. It was so solid!

You do not give the name of the Dallas investigative reporter you believe would be valuable to the House committee. If he is a friend of yours tell him to stay away from them - if they approach him, as I think unlikely. I have had my experiences with this outfit and I can tell you of no good one. They have been anti-democratic, totally contemptuous of legal rights and decencies and less wide than the infant who touches the hot iron for the first time. They have been manipulated by the ~~man~~ speaks so easily I cannot wonder if manipulation is the right word. It really is much worse than I can now tell you. You think you are having bad weather! For you, maybe. We've had snow on the ground longer than I can remember and I'm expecting the truck from the garage now after a week of hoping. Paul, any decent people, regardless of their politics, particularly any vulnerable people, should stay away from these characters. Maybe there will be a change after Congress acts. Until then if you have any friends who can be caught up in this, and I might come up with a few names, my non-lawyer's opinion is that they would be wise and within their rights to await the action of the Congress.

There has been no local reference to any testimony they took. I'd like to know from whom. Maybe they did some interviewing. I knew of no authority for any staff member to do any deposing.

I hope everything is going well with you and that your new office leads to fine successes.

Sincerely,

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Dear Harold:

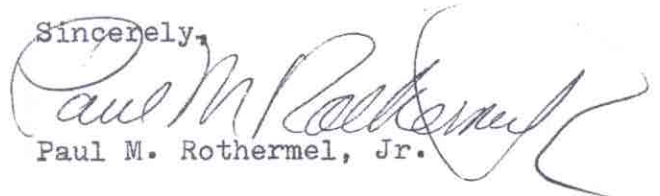
I have your letter of January 18, and must apologize to you about the lack of news clippings in regard to the several matters you are interested in.

From a practical standpoint there have been no stories here about anything that the Committee to investigate the assassination is doing locally. Apparently, after one small flurry of excitement, nothing has been done in Dallas, with the exception of the taking of some testimony from some witnesses which appear to be repetitious. If there is any news, I shall send it to you.

It appears that you are correct in your letter in regard to the famed Houston attorney. I saw him on TV the other night with two of his piers, Melvin Belli and Kunsler. I must say that he was quite self-assured, but obviously showing his age. I suppose the charges stemming out of the wire tap are still current, but since everybody else was disposed of in this case, I presume his will never be heard.

If I can be of any help to you, I would like to do so. There is an investigative newspaper man here in Dallas who would be a valuable assistant to the Committee, if the Committee is, in fact, interested in finding the truth.

Sincerely,


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