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Dear Karen,

So now you have another Thermos!

I did not remember it until the next morning, when I looked for it.

Don't bother to mail it back. You can use it.

Yesterday I had what gives all the indications of being a good meeting with a publisher.

The format of juxtaposing official representations with suppressed official evidence they did like.

This gets to something I forgot, to give you a copy of the so-called "task force report," actually that of the Office of Professional Responsibility. I send it herewith. If after you finish picking up each of the allegations, whether or not of fact, in the guilty-plea hearing you would do the same with this that would be helpful. The two other sources I'll use for this I'll do because there is little in them.

You two spoiled us!

We don't get help very often, which makes us appreciate it even more.

If you taped Ray on Who's Who do not bother to make a dub for me, at least not now. I think I'M getting a transcript. I did do it from the TV with a poor machine. This will satisfy any voice needs. If Jim could not tape and wants one I'll let you know. With the transcript I doubt he will.

If I may make the suggestion, the job you are doing for me with the guilty-plea hearing is fine pre-law training. It represents the kind of thing all lawyers should do and rarely do and it is an apprenticeship in sharpening the mind the way a lawyer's mind should work. You will really be in the position of a defense lawyer, even though that is not the intent and certainly there is no partisanship in what you are doing. Unless a defense counsel does the kind of thing you are doing with allegations of evidence the client is lost except in rare cases. I think that in the course of selecting each allegation and transposing it to a separate sheet of paper you will come to see that some, on the face, are inherently incredible, others essentially irrelevant, and that they represent no case at all.

If I did not ask, please be sure to include all/page numbers.

When you have finished I'd like to know if you agree that this is good training. The time may come when there may be similar tasks I'd like to ask of other students, especially journalism and pre-law.

If you can do both I'd still appreciate your sending me the excerpts from the transcript as soon as they are completed.

Agoind our thanks and our best,