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Mary, Gary, Paul, Howard, Dick,

This business of "being" a lawyer is, as you all know, quite new to me. Invigorating, too. But tiring. I'm gonna go to sleep early tonight (hopefully), get up early when I'm fresh, and Blackstone it until daylight.

The truly amazing thing is how easy it is to learn things by the law. That is, by the responses the government makes to law suits. I think it only fair, you all being my friends and all that, that I share some of it with you in this brief respite. For the whole ball of wax is kind of a load for a neophyte Louis Nizer. But no, I can't be Louis Nizer, for it must be us who in disguise is writing the government's (their word) "Answer". Nope, they didn't move, they didn't petition, they didn't even honor me by asking a summary judgement against me (clothing/pix suit, said "answer" received today).

I suppose the real reason I think Nizer is secretly a quarterbacking their team is that this answer claims the JFK clothing was not in evidence before the Warren Commission. Who but Louis would have known that secret. Course, you can see from this that the competition is real tough. But don't despair, friends, because I think maybe I'll find a few reinforcements. At the moment I'm thinking of that eminent Yale lawyer, Burke Marshall. It is so wonderful that people put things on paper, like contracts, phoney and for real. If you don't remember this, you will when this thing I'm doing (I'm calling mine a motion for a summary judgement, which is longer and therefore maybe more legal than just plain old "answer")

"Answer" is from the new dictionary, which is sort of a variant of the new math. It doesn't really mean answer at all, from my limited understanding. Like when I learn that their "fourth defense" is that "The defendant denominated "U.S. National Archives and Records Service" is not a proper party defendant and the complaints should be dismissed as to it." I had a sneaking suspicion they really were not "proper". Suppose I could take this as official certification of my sneaking suspicion?

It is really surprising how cats get outta bags. Like the "The defendants (guess they do admit it after all, there'll be so a National Archives and Records Service!) admit that (emphasis added) "some materials relating to the assassination of President Kennedy are now in the Archives." Ah, the joys of words and the delights of well-rounded periods! There will be more. Be of good cheer!