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Dear Gary,

Tonight I decided to take it easy and take in one of the new TV shows, Store Front Lawyers. Half way through it the phone started ringing so I guess I have to evaluate it from the little I saw, which is better than "unsmoke."

As I'd suspected, Jim is not coming tomorrow. He has to be scheduled for Friday now. They did get my memo on the govt's response to the spectro thing, but not the one I did last night and mailed this a.m., suggesting the content of the first response. I think this is important, but I've no extra copy to send you. It seems that when Bud got what I sent he went to the library, came back to say we'll win this one, meaning in the lower court (exactly the opposite of what he'd first said), started writing a long brief, in long hand, is to get it typed tomorrow, and to the best of my knowledge, having heard nothing from him, does not plan to discuss it with me. I hinted to Jim I consider this desirable, so maybe that will do it. None of us should ever do any of these things without consultation, for the material is much too complex and Bud knows more about Jack Lawrence than about the official evidence, which he doesn't know at all.

I hope it doesn't work out this way, for there is no brief he has done that didn't need correction and the original spectro complaint, contracted from my draft, had a significant omission. I caught it and he did add it.

I wanted to make a note of this, for it is another sign of ego-tripping and of departure from normal lawyer-client relations. He is just dying to do something that doesn't get helped, or that is his, which is understandable, certainly, but not cooperative effort, and that is what we need and he pretends but doesn't practise.

The stupidity of the response puts us in a position to make a record we can use in every case, as does the record I made in the King suit, with what Bud missed or just didn't do. When, someday, you see the entire file, it'll blow your mind. You cannot imagine how up tight they got and the crazy blunders they committed. In this case they alleged the exact opposite of what Mitchell wrote me! and that letter is one of those doctored by DJ when they filed copies with the court! So, aside from my standing desire to make and leave a record, there is point here. Also, it would not be hard for them to commit another criminal act, which I'd not find an unwelcome assist.

Life does not get more simple, does it?

Jim, unfortunately, is in the middle. He is bright, reasonable, well informed and willing and did a beautiful job on the clothing pin complaint, thus my patience with the Ferrie complaint, for not only should an uninvolved mind do the editing and rearranging, but he did so well on the first one.

Sten Primmer made one of the calls. He has changed jobs, is about to return to Calif (LA) and I've asked him to try and shake the Alyes film loose from Joel Palmer, who he'll have to find... And Art Kevin says that Noguishi says that what he was not asked is not, in his opinion, really significant.

Best,