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Gary, Paul,

Re my request for clips your papers on the Ray action, I found it in the T-P for Saturday. Despite indicating to me that his trip to Tennessee had no connection with Ray, Bud did make a court appearance. In it he used material on Battle, making quite proper requests, getting turned down and, I think, laying a proper foundation for later use in another court.

This rather surprises me, for I had urged it upon him when he phoned to ask me to prepare material from COUP for use in this court. One of the things I emphasized is the judicial improprieties with which you are familiar from the book, as then indicated they are important but in his belief, not for use in State court, which might get up tight about the local boy gone to his reward.

If this represents a change of mind, I think the mention, the requests in court for the judge's papers, is the correct course. The news story has an odd line, saying he would be given only what the other, earlier lawyers had been given. Nothing quite like compounding error.

On another subject, I am almost 2-way through Huie's honey. Unlike Bud, who pronounced it worthless, save for the opening paragraph, I find it potentially very useful trash. His compulsion for self-justification of "the other side" is, I think, potentially valuable always. My purpose in mentioning this is first to alert you, second to ask that if you read the book you do make notes, based on your recall of the LOOK articles, COUP and anything else you may know that you think will or could be of value to me in analyzing this thing. So that there will be neither feedback nor emphasis, I avoid telling you what I have seen thus far that interests me, but I am making notes, typing them as I can, but always marking the book as I go. Paul, this also goes for Jim and Hal, when you speak to them. One thing I can safely tell you is that someone was hot on Ray trail as soon as he got to Mexico, Huie found out who it is (Mex. police, del Rio) and carried that not a bit further. I do not draw Huie's inference from this, however. This writing it not only not always consistent with the LOOK crap, it also contains what one would have thought he'd have included in it. If you read and have any opinions why, that also I'd like to know. I do have some opinions, but I am not at all certain of them, as of now.

Sincerely,