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Gary and Dick,

Nichols has to be rapid. Today I got copies of the April 28 letter of apology to him by Western Union with a copy of their refund check, thus certifying the telegram was garbled, complete with the departmental stamp he puts on everything. This one seems to say it was received April 34 (sic), which cannot be. Thereafter, he hounded our local Western Union. Not I gave them a copy (I have the only extant one, aside from copies of it) to send to Washington to send to John. John apparently wrote our local office demanding a copy of them. The only way they can get it is from me, so I made a copy for them and took it in. So, he also sends the copy of the copy I gave them and their note to him. The copy he got was stamped and the xerox shows May 8, 11:45 a.m.. He made a copy and stamped it (blue color) before sending it. That time is 11:50 a.m. Either the stamp and the xerox are together or he sure flew.

He sent no covering letter either apologizing for his slur or thanking me for getting his money back for him. I feel more and more confident of the wierdity this wierdo is up to. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

We have Mitchell's capitulation in hand. Tomorrow I go to DC to get the promised access. We haven't decided whether Bud will go with me. We'll do that in the a.m. If you want copies ask. No publicity, for we have plans for some and plans against some.

Paul has blundered into some evidence of the functioning and methods of the "Dirty Tricks Vs Weisberg" Dept. Amusing. Also sepcific.

Gary, Dick sent me Penn's Skolnick story, so don't bother. And I sent a message to Alex Nebbett about Short. You'll understand the enclosed letter to the girl without added comment.

What he said he had already sent me is more than a week overdue from Russ. He has also been silent. And his phone is disconnected. Money, I presume. I hope it is only that he is embarrassed, not that he has done more than he has admitted.

According to his inauguration speech, Jim has a book coming out this fall. I'd heard he was writing one. I know nothing about it. Not have I heard from Moo recently. He wasn't in last two times I called, according to message. They are still lemmings! With Paul spending two weeks in the Archives yet.

I'd hoped to draft complaint re panels' reports vs DJ today but didn't get to it. If it can be a short, simple one, as I hope, I may be bale to file it soon. If I get up early enough (I'm trying not to these days), I may rough it out in the a.m. I'd like Bud to go over it. Thereafter, I'll handle it. If that one gets to trial, what a counsel-table lineup there will be: a writer, a 16-year old assistant and perhaps a thoroughly-accredited forensicpathologist as technical adviser! If I've had no response on request for spectro in a few days, I think I'll file the form on that soon. If you will stop and think, unlike John's blundertuss approach, each is carefully focused, each provides a test of another facet of the law and in each case where the government doesn't capitulate, there is the prospect of a judicial determination of fact. They may have decided that it is best to let me have it and get no attention. I do not propose letting enough of what I will release from the Ray stuff out to indicate my understanding of what it says, until I am ready for the big try. I've had an angel on the shoulder for a long time. What I need now is one in the pocket.

Best,