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Dear Gary,

Lil had an exhausting day and fell asleep on the couch. We decided Sunday to look at a TV movie in about an hour, which is little time for work, and there is nothing I feel like reading, so, with this seemingly uncomplementary introduction, I write to report a few things and explain a few others.

One of the minor, unimportant disappointments is the complete silence of everyone in the LA group on their learning, as they must have, of my filing the Reu suit. By now you should have a copy of the complaint. Last Wednesday, a week ago, I taped a series of broadcasts on it for KHJ radio. They were to start airing them then. I'd have thought at least one might have had a comment. I guess it gives me a couple of measures.

If Paul did not send you the Regis Kennedy report on his interview with Trumbach, I was bartender at Lafitte's in Exile, head of "Clay Bertrand" by having met him within a week of the time Andrews told the SS, when there was, to the best of my knowledge, no public knowledge of his alleged existence. The name he gave, as you've seen in my memos, is just too precious, "Burton (phonetic)". A really suspicious person would wonder about the Thornley connection through his friendship with the owner's daughter. It is conspicuous there is no interview with anyone else at that bar, once there was an established link with Bertrand, something I forgot to note in writing Paul.

Thornley does not yet have a lawyer. Apparently there is no issue in his case for the ACLU

I've been a little more than casually interested in the Brown case and its ramifications, esp. the bombings. I do not believe, didn't believe, that the victims were knowingly carrying the explosives for some intended use. I've been making a few notes for the future, for the blacks do nothing but make pontifical statements, never bothering to seek or report any solid evidence. I find confirmation for my own belief, that the device was planted, in the part of the FBI report that was released. I believe, on the basis of incomplete and inadequate knowledge, the only kind permitted, that both bombings were by the same group of the extreme right and were contrived to make the official reaching of the official conclusions easier to arrive at. Furthermore, despite the phrasing of the report on the report, I am satisfied the FBI is aware of this. I'm trying to get copies of the reports themselves. The papers here say they were made public, but I doubt it, so I am not hopeful of getting them.

The Ed of the enclosed letter dealing with Bolden is DeMar, a Chicago writer working on public corruption and a friend of Skolnick. The Albright is one of Skolnick's crew.

The London Times carried a paragraph on the suit, less than I'd hoped, less than was written. If there has been any reaction, I'm unaware of it.

Moo's belief the Shaw suit was to pressure three of Jim's strongest backers to pressure him to drop the perjury charge. I cannot believe the Shaw lawyers are that stupid, for this is the one way guaranteed not to accomplish any such purpose. I've been there when the governor was trying, fruitlessly, to get Jim to call him back when Jim had asked favors of him! Dymond is not in on this one. I cannot regard this explanation as satisfactory, though it may be the truth. And the hazards of a civil case as compared with a criminal one for Shaw! He must be some kind of lemming, too.

Sincerely,