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Dear Gary (cc Paul),

This is the beginning of the fourth week since I've heard from you. The last thing I've gotten is dated 1/8, handwritten. I hope you will not resent what you may take as a paternalistic attitude, but I do get concerned when so long a time passes with silence. You have a different history, are in this area more or less isolated. When you are so busy you cannot write more often, how about a postcard of some kind? Especially when there are things I've asked of you.

I have just finished very rough notes on Jim Bishop's treacle. I do think it is possible some of it is correct, or substantially so, and can be good leads. I do intend to follow some, as you will see as I send you copies of the letters.

Today I thought I'd try to examine the WDSU LEO footage without a 16 mm projector but with a lens. It worked. The sequence I did not remember, showing what I take to be Lawrence, Palmissano and Neeley, is there. But, when I ask myself why, when the Feebs used this still, they saw to it there was no copy in the Archives, I find myself wondering if in either the foreground or the background there may be something they wanted avoided. Otherwise, why not have the still in the WC files? Accident is, of course, possible, but I regard it as not of good enough probability to explain. If the print we let Patsy have ever showed up, it would be good to have prints, with the various individual pictures examined to show if the beginning and end of the sequence, perhaps, may either show what the other does not. I do not believe they could anticipate the Shaw defense.

I believe I forgot to tell you and Paul that I spoke to Louis Friday and he told me he expects to send me a large package of transcripts about Tuesday. I'll be in touch with you both when I get. I believe I'll just send Paul the second copy for such distribution as may seem adviseable, after hearing from him on this.

Howard has, too late, begun an inventory of my Archives files and is finding it so interesting he is sorry he didn't start earlier. What he is doing is making a list of my requests and their responses, while also reading the file. Aside from the value of a check list, this should help pinpoint what we may sue for aside from those things where we have pretty solid agreement and may make a good exhibit for the trial. I'll have to pick up where he leaves off. He returns to Phila. in the early a.m.

Sincerely,

Gary-Recent communication from my favorite baddie has been by phone (phew!) until yesterday, when he paid, strange. No time for details, but it seems to be going as I had anticipated it might. They are cooking up a deal to put his brother on TV, NBC paying a pittance to his lawyers for it, and slicing his throat simultaneously. There is to be a change in one lawyer, the one least known, overdue but expected by him. He needs enemies? He's got "friends"...How are you feeling, etc?