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Dear Moo,

I heard of the Shaw suit for the first time 9 p.m. your time last night, listening to the CBS news from Chicago. The story made the wires too late for the early edition of the Washington Post, the one we get, and it was not on the AP's "B" wire (not prime service), the one our local paper gets. So, I know little about it. The report I heard is that it is for \$5,000,000, and against Jim, his Truth and Consequences people and Perry.

Of and on all day I've thought about it. Not knowing the law, I may perhaps wonder about things I would not consider with a founding in law. However, there seem to me to be aspects capable of sponsoring a few questions.

I do not know how Jim regards it, obviously, nor what his plans are. However, without offering you the thoughts that occurred to me, I write to ask that you let me know if there is, in your (or your collective) opinion anything at all unusual about this suit. It will be several days before the N.C. papers get here. Sometimes Saturday's is here "onday, but that is a skimpy paper, always, and there will be less coverage than there would have been (as Shaw's counsellors should have known, which makes me wonder even more about the timing). In any event, I'll know what is in the papers before too long. One thing that might not be there and you may or may not know does interest me: is there new counsel? By this I mean has he the same lawyers plus others or has he different lawyers. I would be quite interested if another lawyer or lawyers represent him and not a bit surprised.

If Jim takes this as seriously as most men would, does this suggest there might be some interest in some of the things about which I have been pestering you? Or some of the people?

But not being a lawyer, I am surprised if this is a legitimate suit at all.

Good luck,