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Report from the eyeball dept.

Tasy blinked again.

I told you of the decision Bud and I reached last Thursday, to go after Justice rather vigorously on their withholding of the file cover and the letter of assurance. When he was here today and reported, I forgot to ask him the immediate inspiration-whether he filed the action we discussed Friday or whether my earlier letter to Holapp did it, but he did say that he got three calls today from Anderson before Anderson got him, to practically beg that we not go to court tomorrow and to promise delivery of what I asked.

When you consider that Anderson didn't bother to return Bud's call after Mitchell's letter saying they'd let me see the stuff, this represents some change.

Bud said the call left him with the impression that if I demanded Anderson stand on his head, he'd do it without waiting. I quote Bud accurately.

So, we have agreed on another immediate suit, and when I prepare the complaint Bud will go over it. I'll send you copies. He agrees with what I had in notes for just this purpose. I think it will not be too long before they stand and fight. But we pick the issue. I'd prefer a few other approaches first, but I do as he prefers. I hope I can get it roughed out in a few days.

Right before Bud came I was telling Howard the old saw about the farmer who was clubbing a donkey on the head with a 2x4 and was chided by a stranger. "I'm just trying to get his attention", the farmer explained. I explained to Howard that I am trying to get Kleinienst's attention. Maybe I have, temporarily. I think it would be self-deception to anticipate a long attention span with such people.

So far, three out of three. Good beginning,

Best

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