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Sylvia, Mary, Gary, Dick, Howard

Some time ago I sent my only copy of the complaint in my spectro suit to, I think, Paul, for copies to be made for those wanting it and for it then to be returned. I have heard nothing, not gotten it back. I have replaced it. I now also have a single clear copy each of the government "response" and the reply to that Bud made after reading some of my notes on it but without consultation. My own copying paper of this size is out-of-date. As soon as I can, I'll make myself an unclear set that I can use for reference, if needed, and will then make the clear set available for those of you wanting copies to make them. With Mary apparently away, I'll send them to Gary, who can then forward them to Mary, if she has returned, or Sylvia. I suggest Mary first because she has some xeroxing facilities available, with collation. I suggest that whichever of you want to make copies or read let Gary know which so that when he forwards these things, it will be known who will want access. I should also be like to be able to keep track of them so that, eventually, they will return. If there is no emergency, I always have the need for more than a single copy.

There are minor errors in Bud's response. I'd have preferred, initially, a more limited one. He changed his mind, apparently, after we first discussed this, when he decided against any major revelation of the case until trial, with which I agreed. I hope in this case it was not counter-productive. I do not think it an erroneous approach. I think it denies us the kind of record we might have had with a different opening, but that is now academic. The gov't's case is really so weak that I was able to anticipate the irrelevance of their citations and encouraged the research by Jim. Bud apparently did it himself day before yesterday. There is a major and, I think, controlling point I am confident Bud did not forget, easy as it is for any of us to do that. Sp, I presume he is holding it back for a purpose.

Sincerely,

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Dear Gary,

Tonight I decided to take it easy and take in one of the new TV shows, Store Front Lawyers. Half way through it the phone started ringing so I guess I have to evaluate it from the little I saw, which is better than "unsmoke."

As I'd suspected, Jim is not coming tomorrow. He has to be scheduled for Friday now. They did get my memo on the govt's response to the spectro thing, but not the one I did last night and mailed this a.m., suggesting the content of the first response. I think this is important, but I've no extra copy to send you. It seems that when Bud got what I sent he went to the library, came back to say we'll win this one, meaning in the lower court (exactly the opposite of what he'd first said), started writing along brief, in long hand, is to get it typed tomorrow, and to the best of my knowledge, having heard nothing from him, does not plan to discuss it with me. I hinted to Jim I consider this desirable, so maybe that will do it. None of us should ever do any of these things without consultation, for the material is much too complex and Bud knows more about Jack Lawrence than about the official evidence, which he doesn't know at all.

I hope it doesn't work out this way, for there is no brief he has done that didn't need correction and the original spectro complaint, contracted from my draft, had a significant omission. I caught it and he did add it.

I wanted to make a note of this, for it is another sign of ego-tripping and of departure from normal lawyer-client relations. He is just dying to do something that doesn't get helped, or that is his, which is understandable, certainly, but not cooperative effort, and that ~~is~~ is what we need and he pretends but doesn't practise.

The stupidity of the response puts us in a position to make a record we can use in every case, as does the record I made in the King suit, with what Bud missed or just didn't do. When, someday, you see the entire file, it'll blow your mind. You cannot imagine how up tight they got and the crazy blunders they committed. In this case they alleged the exact opposite of what Mitchell wrote me! And that letter is one of those doctored by DJ when they filed copies with the court! So, aside from my standing desire to make and leave a record, there is point here. Also, it would not be hard for them to commit another criminal act, which I'd not find an unwelcome assist.

Life does not get more simple, does it?

Jim, unfortunately, is in the middle. He is bright, reasonable, well informed and willing and did a beautiful job on the clothing pin complaint, thus my patience with the Ferris complaint, for not only should an uninvolved mind do the editing and rearranging, but he did so well on the first one.

Stan Primmer made one of the calls. He has changed jobs, is about to return to Calif (LA) and I've asked him to try and shake the Alysia film loose from Joel Palmer, who he'll have to find... And Art Kevin says that Noguera says that what he was not asked is not, in his opinion, really significant.

Best,