Dear Jim, 5/27/77

We discussed them then, briefly. As of his yesterday's mail the government had not yet filed the papers due maybe a month ago. So as of this morning I still plan to make the trip I've been looking forward to for so long.

Later this morning I have to drive my wife to Washington for a dental appointment. In more than a year I have not driven myself that far. I go with a friend or by bus. It is not good for me but I would not subject my wife to either the buses or the service that is terrible for a single appointment. She'd be hanging around much of the day doing nothing. What I do when I have to drive her is stop periodically and walk around. Helps but I don't like to do it am the expressway. But today I'll learn something from it. While the dentist is working on her I'll check schedules and make a reservation. When I return I'll write further and give you the schedule.

Sonething happened to me Wednesday when I was to have been in court in Washington in a different case. I felt so badly by that time that Jim went to court without me and I went to the doctor. They gave me an EKG and said my heart, etc., is okay but maybe I'm overdoing it, to take it easier. I know there was an element of fatigue in it because I dozed off sitting up in Jim's car as he drove me home. This means I should take it easier on the hours, too. I'm basically a countryman. Ordinarily I'm up before dawn starts to crack and I can't help it. So what this means is that I should not be staying up all hours, ought figure on being in bed no later than 11.

There need be no special arrangements except that I have to be able to wash out the special supports I wear. They are like but are much tougher and heavier than full-length surgical hose, which I also wear. I have two pair and alternate them and a heavy welt that supports each. I wear the surgical hose when I lseep only. All that is required is a fairly large towel to wrap these things in while they are extended flat out. That speeds the drying considerably.

The only other thig is that I ought not eat too much because I have 15 lbs to lose now and except for walking can't get much exercise to keep the weight down. And I love to eat and drink!

I hope you have a typewriter. My portable is very heavy and will slow me down. I can travel with carry-on luggage only without it. This eliminates baggage delays-and losses.

The schedule of getting there on a weekend will give us time together and time with some of your friends without you having to take time from work. After the weekend I can go around on my own and see other people while you work and we can get together again after you finish work. Paul is one I want to see, too. Also some of the doctors. And sheriffs.

For now, best wishes,

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Dear Jim,

When I was in Washington I asked an old friend who has a travel bureau about the flights.

He is reserving passage for me on 6/10, American flight 603, arriving Dallas 1:05.

With this much lead time there should be no problem getting a seat.

The fare has not gone up as much as I thought, \$114 each way or \$228.

This will all be confirmed in writing after the holiday weekend.

It also is straight tourist.

Night flights would be a little cheaper but I'm no longer up to them.

I haste,