

Turley

Dear John,

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Youngsters like you may not understand it but when a neighbor comes to help me get in some firewood, bringing his chain saw with his arthritis, and when between the two of us we are a little less than I was three years ago, I grab at it. So I was not in the house when my wife was brought back from the doctor and could not hear the car because of the chain saw. So the letter I wrote you earlier did not get mailed. If the nasty day does not get worse I'll go into the post office to mail this and other things, before returning to other work I'll tell you what I have done.

Thanks for sending a carbon to Jim. That saves two days in his knowing, which can be important. He found the information you added, over your letters of the 8th and 9th, to be helpful.

The story in the Post-Dispatch is committee propaganda, their taking the initiative to make themselves look good over what is very bad. So I decided to give the information you gave me to the paper on the chance they would prefer not to be used and on the chance they might see a story in it. I spoke to a fellow named Boyd because those I know in the Washington office were not in. Boyd is covering the committee. He is going to get in touch with St. Louis. They may want to talk to you. The understanding is they have to get your okay to use it. If they are interested out there. This man has no way of knowing that.

If this reaches you in time my suggestion is that you stick to what you know and how you know and don't be a Jerry and make any speeches about how crooked the FBI is. Let the fact say that for you, as they do. Don't go into Gracie Stephens, as you do in your letter, because you have swallowed Lane's exaggerations over what is well known and we looked into years ago. (For your information she didn't see anything and if she did not have brain damage could not be a witness for Jimmy anyway.) Don't go into wanting Jimmy to be a witness for you because they will not see that as you do and will agree with the judge.

I do not see why the FBI had any interest in framing Satterfield by himself. It seems that they had an interest in doing you in. I am inclined to think that the less you emphasize yourself, other than indicating that Turley got done in as part of their effort to get you, if this is a fair statement, the story prospects are better because they will not be afraid that you are trying to use them for your own benefit. Besides, there are no political complications in the Turley story. The mere fact that they had Hayden perjure himself in an effort to get you is enough to get out now and is simple and easily understood by a reporter who knows nothing about the case.

Jim called and I told him about this. He has been trying to reach you through Carol but her line is staying busy. I told him that unless your shift has changed you work beginning at 4 and to leave word with her for you to call back. If this is wrong it is my fault.

The path ahead is not clean and smooth but it is beginning to look better.

Sincerely,