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Dear Hal,

If, when you saw the envelope, you were reminded of what you were going to send me and haven't, good! But that is not the purpose of this letter. I recall a tape of a Kolby interview. I have not heard from those honorables, do not expect to, but do want to be in a position to respond fully if, as can happen, they seek me out. Coming developments may suggest this as the better course to t them. But who knows?

Something has happened to me that I do not fully understand. It is slowing me down some. First diagnosis was exhaustion, second anxiety. So, I'm taking it easier (as I had started to do voluntarily), taking medicines to prolong the night's sleep, etc.

This is the only reason I haven't completed the addition to COUP. It is now over 65,000 words. Without sweat or feeling pressure at all, the first half of today I did about 5,000 of them. I think it important that what one man regards as the most important evidence on the King case be assembled at one point, restricting it to the solid stuff. This, in my own format, is what I'm going. Without having been able to read any of it, I have the feeling it is a powerful and total destruction of the entire frameup and the integrity of everyone connected with it. I think that, incomplete,, with directly addressed the question of conspiracy, it leaves little doubt there was and to the knowledge of all officials there was. This is not the approach that produces a publishable book, on commercial terms, but I think it is the first need. Without appendix, COUP is now about 200,000 words!

Gary has called to my attention a series of "articles" Butler is doing in his "Village Square". From the first, of which he loaned me his copy. it seems clear I will not be his major focus. However, knowing Butler as I think I do, I think it is inevitable he will, even within the very broad current interpretations of libel, libel me (if he hasn't already ~~is~~ without my knowledge or, on the Pyne show, which has yet to give me the promised tapes of it). Now as a general rule, going around suing for libel may be a fatality. I have ignored so many cases. However, suing Butler today means also suing Frawley, who is loaded and one of the strongest financial backers of the nuts of the right. So, there is a chance of crimping the moneybags and collecting. Frawley is the financial backer of Butler's "magazine" "Village Square".

Meanwhile, slowly, I am collecting information on him. The file is beginning to shape up, with the suggestion (and now no more than the suggestion) of other interests.

A lawyer presents a problem. I suppose it should be in California, where he publishes and "does business". Therefore, without urgency, when you have the chance, would you speak to Bob Truehaft for me and see if he could be interested? You will remember you met him through me when we lunched at the Sheraton once when I was there. I do not have his address.

I believe some time ago I asked you to try and speak to John about those 5,000 copies of O in NO he has stashed away, except for those he gave away or sold (no accounting). He wants me to pay shipping costs, which I cannot. Storage costs have already exceeded what it would have cost to truck. I have almost no copies at all and need them. What the hell got into him, I don't know, but he has been both dishonorable and disreputable about this and, I think it is possible, may have laid himself open to charges. That is not what I want, though if I must to get those books I will (there are just about no others-and this is a kind of measure of his genuineness of interest in the case). Try and get him to return h them or at least an immediate some of them. Best regards.