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Dear Hal,

Glad to hear from you. What happened to your typewriter? Worse than out worst at its worst!

Long ago I stopped wondering whether at any point the snowmen dominated in Joe, or when he was putting one, for I cannot and to me, it makes no difference. He said on the show he found my arguments thin, but he doesn't know them and I was not about to air them before trial (the government has 60 days in which to respond, we have the right to request immediate trial in 20 days and, if Bud's schedule permits, we will). I think Joe's current position is one in which he is predisposed to find any argument along these lines very, very thin. Which is okay. When the time comes I'll give him all of it and he can then tell his audience any change in opinion he may have. I was satisfied that he was satisfied. I know that show, before Joe, and I know the change in Joe's show since he went a.m. I doubt there have been more than ten all three hours, which gave me the measure I needed. He had said, when he phoned, that we'd speak for 10 minutes then open the phones. If it was real good, he said, maybe an hour all together. So, he didn't have to say anything for he'd already said it more eloquently.

He's changed, but he is still one of the best, and I'm grateful for the chance to get that much across to a good and large audience. I wonder what reaction, if any, there was on succeeding days. Let me know if you hear. And I'll certainly call him when I think I have what is of sufficient significance (what is his home phone? He once gave it to me and he said I had it on the air, but that book was stolen from my N.O. hotel room, so I don't have it).

Thanks also for the Thornley letter. How strange the man who beat up women and tried to blind their defenders speaks so of violence! He's nuts. Sciambra thinks that when that case comes to trial they'll take the offensive, alleging it was all my doing. That is crazy enough for either Kerry or Dave. I hope they do it; for I could then appear as a rebuttal witness, with an open door. The truth is I had nothing to do with it, have yet to get a copy of the indictment, and have entirely other interests in him, as you know.

I would hope that the show with Joe kindled enough interest so that at some point (after 4/15, when Lil's work ends), someone might want me as a speaker. This would permit a reunion....By the way, when you have time, would you please phone Louis Freeman, tell him of my work, and see if he knows anyone who might get interested or might help bring it out?

We've had a temporary break in the weather. Prediction is for a late-seasons snow storm, beginning tonight, so I've been doing a bit more outside work than usual, the work needing to be done and I need the exercise. I'm a bit tired, but I want to get a little more in before night. Thanks for everything, best to everyone. One other thing, not to be talked about (Paul knows and may not have had a chance to tell you). I've arranged for Bud to be of counsel to Ray. We are supposed to have a meeting, Jerry, Bud and I, either in Memphis or DC. If it is in Memphis, I'll not be able to make it. It is but a beginning. We'll see what, if anything, eventuates. I'm in touch with Jerry and Bud saw James two weeks ago. That meeting went about as well as could be expected, perhaps better. Subtitle: nothing is impossible!

Sincerely,