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Dear Hal,

Rud's secretary is sending Paul two copies of the complaint we filed yesterday, so you will be able to read it soon. It has an appendix of exhibits that is not entirely complete but is complete enough. I have not sought use of the letters, though I have quoted them, because there is a slight change of use, so I have a little hope of a little use.

Three reporters showed up. I do not know what the Nashville Tennessean did. UPI moved a small story with the wrong emphasis. The Washington Post killed the story after it was assigned, after knowing 100% of it and sending a man. They never change. In so many ways these phoney liberals are a greater hazard than the rightist extremists. and much more dishonest.

Last evening's Memphis Press-Scimitar used the UPI story, for I got a call from Benfro Hays, Hanes' investigator. I cannot begin to tell you how incredible it all was, the nonsense he swears is truth (so much so impossible it is difficult to consider what may not be). Had some evil genius manipulated it so that Hays would fall into the worst possible hands, he could be no more successful.

After doing the show with Joe, I phoned him, as you may have heard, to report the filing of the suit. I could not understand him to begin with, but I think he said Turner was taken on his show. As a result of the three hours, I had the call from the nine lady whose idea is, I regret, an impossibility and perhaps turned off others who may have thought of helping, and a pleasant letter from Charlie Brown. I do not know if Joe had much reaction, but this is all the mail I got. I had expected more reaction. Is it that people are adjusting to the innate corruption of their society, their government?

I also phoned Art and was taped into an interview that was to have been used in hunk as spot news and the undated stuff over the weekend. So, the LA people will know, for whatever good that might do.

All in all, especially because of the Agnew campaign and the stout pretense they are holding up to it was I disappointed at the almost complete suppression by the press. Know them to be dishonest, having experienced this dishonesty for so long, I was still unprepared for the total refusal to make any mention of so thoroughly documented ~~the story and of~~ a story and of the content and context of this one. It is later, much later, than I'd thought.

Whatever turns out to have happened in the Cap Brown matter, it is very bad. So much of what I haven't been able to bring out but have written is so very relevant...But there are revolutions with no revolutionaries, only generals and would-be generals and Catholics no fiercer than the pope....So, I guess a few privates will have to fight the war we see the way we see it and await the judgement of the future. To my my own path is clear, as are the increasingly large and difficult barriers in it. Despite them, however, I am managing to advance our knowledge and may yet improve our position. I expect to.

Thanks again for speaking to Joe. It was a good idea and the timing was right, regardless of whether or not anything eventuated or yet eventuates. Best to everyone,