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Dear Peter Honerkamp,

Enclosed is a carbon of my today's letter to Harry Wachtel. After I sealed the envelope I remembered I had not signed it.

Jim Lesar sent me a copy of your letter of the 23rd to him.

Your p̄sumptions about what happened in the Ray case are mature, sophisticated and less than the full story. That is too complicated for me to go into now. A major part is the strange Ray personality. Another is the consequence of more than 5 years of solitary confinement.

On the other side the system of justice malfunctioned. Totally. The record does not justify the decision of either court. I suspect there is fear of facing what a real trial means.

The proof that Ray did not do the shooting I did bring to public attention. When it was ignored I decided to put it all together in the new book. I held a press conference and gave it all away. Now that it has not been used I'm saving it for the book, with other evidence that fits with it and builds a rounded case. I had not planned the book earlier.

Because it was not reporter there was no public outcry, as you expected.

Jim has copies. You can see them there or here if we can help you with your paper. I'm sure Jim is willing. We both have the same time problems.

There is now another reason I want no public use. It ~~has~~ has become apparent that there is poor internal communication in the Department of Justice, between the various divisions and the FBI. All fail to properly inform the Assistant United States Attorney who represents them or they ~~are~~ and he are even more devious than I'd suspected. By using only what we must in court we continue to obtain from one proof that another is still withholding. The AUSA has been claiming mootness since February. What we have done with their record has led the judge into an unreported denunciation of the FBI as I am not aware of from any judge. It is because of this record we have built that she has ordered full and instant compliance. The AUSA asked for a written order. In time she'll file it. They'll probably appeal to stall further if they can find a device for it.

What is not reported includes our catching Levi's new "investigators" in non-compliance, too. This gives you a notion of what to expect of them.

And unlike his public image what he wants of them.

With the political assassinations it never goes by the book. In every one there is an official record to hide. Even with Wallace. The FBI's search of Bremer's car was so slipshod that after it was returned to the local cops they found a pistol the FBI missed. Didn't even look for after obtaining the ammunition for it.

If we do not know when the judge will file the order, we think it will not be very long. Because we feel it will be strong we also believe the thing to do is wait in public silence.

If we get becalmed then I'll be willing to go public again. At that time, as I forget to tell Mr. Wachtel, black interest and participation following examination of some of the evidence, could be valuable. I might then play the taped voice of the chief prosecutor describing how the crime was committed/and display the FBI records until now suppressed showing the impossibility of it. And every official's knowledge. Of those directly involved in the investigation and prosecution.

Sincerely,