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Dear Barry,

The enclosed carbon of my today's letter to Ford is partly for your amusement, FYI, for I really don't seek any publicity, and partly because by now it is apparent that, while it may seem paranoid, Justice does have a real and active policy against me.

I must be doing something right!

Like so much of the Warren material, this transcript is subject to serious misuse by the nuts and publicity-seekers and that I do not want and do want to avoid.

In frustration an assistant United States Attorney in Baltimore disclosed to my lawyer in an old action for the ruin of our farm by military helicopters that Justice is so hungup on me they will do what it hurts them to do for another change to hurt me.

I filed and won a precedent suit, one of the noise-ecology precedents, a decade ago. between the lawyers and the government this one has been long delayed. The amount of provable damage is considerably greater than what I will settle for in order to avoid the reliving of great anguish for my wife. I offered a very reasonable compromise, one that is for me a great compromise, to eliminate a trial. It was in response to this offer from my lawyer that the "call assistant, Better, blew it and spelled it out. He is authorized to settle on his own up to \$10,000. I won't accept that. He actually hollered, I think my attorney said "screamed," about the opposition from Justice to settling for \$10,000. (When their costs and the costs of appeal are considered, \$10,000 is actually a saving.)

I don't remember his exact language but I think it include "hate" of me and determination to hurt me whenever and wherever and however possible, my interpretation.

Because this suit provides the possibility of broadening the precedent, that they would risk establishing a new precedent they don't want is a measure of what they are willing to risk to get at me.

Generally they are guarded about this. But there is another occasion on which another Assistant U.S. Attorney let it slip. That was Werdig, in D.C., and it was to Bud Fensterwald. Bud was in court for something not connected with me. Werdig, apparently intending needles, told him that at a particular time on a particular day I was in to see Bud. Not just in his office. This was new to Bud. I had not seen him and had not gone there to see him. Rather had I gone to make and leave copies of some FBI reports on Fiorini and Suarez, after which I took a set to Woodward. What this also means is that Werdig's knowledge did not come from a tap on Bud's phone or mine or from a bug in his office.

My purpose in going into this is to ask you to be alert to any indication of it that you may detect. If and when it is possible, I am determined to do something about this. I do have some irrefutable proofs in my possession and I am seeking more. I expect to get some but there can't be too many. I have been looking for a lawyer for seven months. Lesar is looking for co-counsel because he is inexperienced. When I can I will do what I can.

In Baltimore I made a counter-proposal that is less than my demand and more than Better can settle on his own. I don't know if he even proposed it to Justice. Were it not for the special conditions we live under I would not consider any compromise. However, I am forcing this back to Justice or to court. Once you give in to evil there is no end to it. Nor to evil people of evil intent, more when they have power and the disposition to use it.

On another subject, Paul did not call me and that odd Ray business developed into a helluva story not yet put together. You used a story from Gore junior and added a bit from the wire. Transferring Ray to federal jurisdiction is admittedly illegal under Tennessee law. Justice has ignored this and I spoke to Tennessee counsel Friday night. He was phoning the warden the next day to advise him that if Ray is transferred he will go to court pronto and to inform him that he will be at the Nashville jail 10 a.m. Monday. He wanted me to be there with him but I can't be. Best.