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Dear Cyril,

Thanks for your letter of the 3rd and the bibliography. I am establishing a separate file for possible use in the coming Freedom of Information suits, and I'll keep the biblio there.

In today's mail, after two months, Mitchell has refused me on the panel's raw materials and the spectrographic analysis, so as soon as I can I'll draft these complaints, all my administrative remedies having been exhausted. This one will be fun-both of them, in fact. They claim there are no raw materials (and if you can suggest what there should be, that would be very helpful), and that the spectro is part of an investigative file.

One item in the biblio, #6, is of interest to me personally, for I've been on meprobamate for a while and about three months ago was shifted to Valium. However, in neither case did I take the prescribed dosage. It has been several days since I took any valium, and I suppose I do not take three a week. I have an anxiety that probably goes back to the days when the helicopters and sonic booms ruined our farming operation and with it conditioned my wife, the major apprehension being about her and her reaction and the potential (she has glaucoma). So, if there is anything I should know about this, I'd like to read that.

If you think there is anything in #10 or #24 that could be of use in the litigation, I'd like them. I do not remember reading either 13 or 30 and if you have copies, I'd like them.

Were it not for the great and continuing cost and the great personal involvement, I'd tell you my experiences with noises and their consequences have been fascinating. They have a potential little understood, largely because much of the work was inspired by self-seekers. The damage can be very great and can be entirely unrelated to the decibel level. In animals, aside from injuries, I think it can lead to unexplained deaths, simply from fright. I cannot prove this. They become conditions and are then beyond profitable retention. There is great variation here, as there is with people, and social considerations as well as environment enter into it very much. I was working on two books on this at the time I abandoned everything for the assassination work. I won one case against the government, even though the lawyer did not prepare the case. With the no-retainer, 20% limit of the law, lawyers are reluctant to take such a case, so, after much delay, I am acting as my own lawyer in the second case, reluctantly but having no alternative. I do not think my current interests will foster DJ interest in an out-of-court settlement, although the federal attorney in Baltimore seems interested in one, as I am. Living through all of that again will be rather unpleasant, more so for my wife. If you know of any case that might seem relevant, I'd like to be advised. Meanwhile, I'll keep you posted on any actions I file. I'll be consulting with Bud before I file any.

Sincerely,