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Dear Cyril,

Please excuse the haste. I'm in court in the a.m. on the spectro suit, gov't motion to dismiss. We filed none for summary judgement (which is what theirs is) because we want to go to trial. They'll spread and stall in any event, and I think we have a good enough case to elect the public airing and have a record for appeal. Because Bud said (after dropping out of all my suits and thus delaying them all) that he'd take this one and that it would go to the Supreme Court, I'm letting him do it pretty much as he wants, even when he is wrong (as got proved fairly early). However, we are fortunate with our enemies, who have already committed perjury, I am confident.

I am also filing a show-cause petition and what I am terming a "motion for relief" in the Ray/King case, asking punishment of Justice lawyers for contempt, perjury, etc. And I've about prepared another paper in the suit on the clothing. Real sorry you have not been able to get her to see some of what I now have. On the clothing and pix thereof, the government did not file a motion for a summary judgement, electing trial, for reasons I can conjecture. I think the lawyers were conned. I think it is also because I am pro se. We'll see. Depending on your experience with gunshot wounds of clothed people, I cannot say whether you could help in this. I think you could, very much, if and when it goes to trial.

I have a special formulation of the autopsy-materials suit. Bud has had the draft at least six months. He was to go over it and make suggestions. A while back I could have reorganized and edited it myself, but now I haven't time. I'm going to make time soon, for he has thinned himself out like split milk and is doing nothing significant about anything, justice to nothing. And needlessly complicating his life as he shouldn't. Anyway, there is no doubt that in this one you can be enormously important. Except for myself, you are the only not-unfriendly witness I plan, rather a switch. I'm calling all unfriendlies, including a once very good friend of yours. I think you'll want to see that, and hear it, anyway. You can guess what I'm planning, I think, as others may not. It is an unusual formulation that blew Bud's mind and he said it was the very best.

If you do not have a copy of the clothing complaint, the fastest way if from Bud, for I have no legal-sized paper for my copying machine and can't afford any. He has a good copy. When you read it I think you'll know well enough what I'm about and how you can help. I'd like to begin with an exposition of the medico-forensic requirements as they relate to the evidence of the clothing, to lay the foundation (not really necessary under the law but fine for a court record, especially if the press is there) for the request and to give an understanding of secondary purposes served by suppression. As I once told you, I know I need a criminologist but can't afford one. And a real photo expert, who I may find in DC before trial. The question is not finding one but one who can be trusted and is interested, for I cannot pay him....I'll be issuing subpoenas in the clothing suit, too - all to unfriendlies, again. Hurriedly,

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Dear Harold:

In reply to your letter of 2 November 1970, let me say that I would be quite willing to help if various factors permit, and if the opinion that I am called upon to give falls within my area of expertise. I should not like to possibly mislead you by giving an unqualified and unequivocal "yes", but I certainly would be willing to review your theories and evaluate the physical evidence. Then, if I felt I could be of substantive assistance, I would testify.

Please keep me posted. I realize that you are doing this by yourself and on a shoestring, and I admire you for your tenacity and perseverance. I only wish that I had more time to give to this entire matter.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,

  
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