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Dear Cyril,

Some time ago I promised you that if you were of a disposition to have vengeance on Fisher for the nasty things he has done it would be yours. Today I am closer to keeping that promise.

More than three weeks ago I filed the first of the suits against the government. This one deals with the King/Ray case only and, according to Bud, is legally unassailable. Which does not mean it is unassailable, for there are such things as influence and corruption. I have caught the monserin confiscating the official court record in Britain, denying they have it, and lying to be about the major part of that evidence, copies of which do exist in both Justice and State files, both Departments denying they have such copies. And I have official proof from both the British and our governments that the court copy is at Justice, having been obtained from the court by State. Incredible? Yes, but true. Their mangup was accurately forecast in one of the books I have not been able to get printed. It is that the evidence presented in Britain, where the possibility of cross-examination had to be anticipated, is not the same as presented in Memphis, where it knew in advance there would be none. Orwell is alive and flourishing in Washington.

With Fisher, he has a bad case of the Humes "Burn Baby Burn" syndrome. I now have the diagnosis by Fisher himself! I will be suing for the raw materials of the panel reports, which are outside the possible protections of the Freedom of Information Act's exemptions. Their defense will be that these raw materials do not exist. Getting this established in a court of law may in itself be a major accomplishment but I think it need not stop there. I look forward to such a court proceeding. It will not be possible for Bud to be my lawyer in this case and seems to feel that it would be better were I to conduct the examinations anyway because of the knowledge I have of the fact and of the material. With luck and if I can find a few resources I now do not have, this should enable me to establish with the men on the stand that all three autopsy doctors committed perjury, that Specter suborned it, and that rather than confirming the autopsy, the Clark panel destroys it and the Warren Report. Unless Finck is shipped to Vietnam again, the only real expense will be bringing Humes from Detroit. From FOOT MORTEM III you know part of what I have. There are a couple of significant things I have learned since then and I have, in addition, things from the panel itself, including from Fisher. On such a grim subject, this will be the closest we can get to a fun thing. In addition, it does, I think, have the possibility of turning on some of the Kennedy turned-offers

In strictest confidence, to be given no one under any circumstances, I now have in my possession, not from the archives, some of the medical evidence denied the Commission. It will blow your mind. And I am getting more. I have already seen it. This time we really have the possibility of blowing the whole thing up.

I have in mind what the average lawyer would consider a daring thing. If you are, as I hope, willing to be my technical expert, then there will be but two friendly witnesses, you and me. All the rest will be unfriendlies: Fisher, Humes, Finck, Boswell, Specter and, if necessary, others of the panel, with Morgen close to a certainty. I am considering other unusual moves, like putting Eardley on the stand. I have now established my role in this frightful and frightening mess, thanks to the one man you'd never consider garrulous, your great and true friend Fisher. And I have this also in writing!

Again I caution you, no mentions at all, to anyone under any circumstances, and above all no carelessnesses on Long John, etc. Such slips are monitored and I have copies of transcripts made for the government in some cases. When I say transcripts, what I really have is unbelievable but true: I have carbons of the government's copies and a complete reconstruction of how obtained, from whom, through what fronts—even with cancelled checks. Orwell is here. To a degree, they do not realize what I have and what it means, otherwise they'd not have been as willing to put open lies in writing to me. Under oath these will be perjury and it should be no trick to get them under oath.

I think from the foregoing you can see the possibilities and that we have nothing like them in the past. I have much more, including the alteration of the most basic evidence, and this is pretty well established, I have the proof in my possession.

This brings me to what I have earlier suggested, that you find time to get here, perhaps some weekend. Then you could go over this. I would hold nothing from you. I think, after seeing what I already have you will want to be part of this and I would certainly want not only your expert testimony, but your expert advice during my questioning of the unfriendlies. I rather think you would also enjoy this.

The government is careful to contrive various tricks which always are opposite to my requests, the net effect of which is to manufacture a case of my not having exhausted my administrative remedies. Patiently, I write them catching them up on this and asking for responsive responses and pointing out the non-accidental consequences of their deliberate non-responsiveness, such as the wrong men signing the refusal. It is now at the point (and Bud agrees) that they are, in effect, waiving some of the Justice prerequisites, one of which, with their unique regulations, is that the AG himself sign it. But these also build a fine record for me, as do the endless lies. I think Kinsindienst has already established himself as the all-time, long-distance, non-stop liar in all of (our) governmental history. Only under the Nazis is there anything like it to my recall.

There remains the media attitude to cope with. Public reaction from those I know and trust in the press is that while the filing of the action may attract little attention, there will be interest in the court proceeding.

So, I am writing to bring you up to date, to ask if you will be my expert witness, if you will also be able to remain for the actual trial, and if you have any idea how I can obtain the nominal funds needed for the expenses of witnesses.

Something else. I have a friend who has a good knowledge of the evidence and is also a pretty fair firearms/ballistics expert. He is developing a rather far-out theory not because he is sold on it but as an intellectual exercise, in an effort to explore all possibilities, no matter how extreme they may be. In time he'll be sending me a copy. I'd like to get your expert opinion when it is written.

There is more missing evidence. I think I have zeroed in on it but I am making no suggestions at all because I do not want to run the risk of it becoming known to those who hid it and I do know my mail has been interfered with. It would not be insane to subpoena, would not present the technical problems we faced with Mallick, of Marshall's approval, etc...I am not pushing on this case, though I am proceeding, because I want to close all loopholes and let my lemmings do it to themselves as completely as possible, in writing. But I would like to know if you are willing to help and if you can find time to see what I now have and, by the time you could get here, should have in addition.

Sincerely,
Harold Weisberg