

Dear Paul,

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I'm sorry for the trouble your failure to get my earlier messages caused you. I'm also sorry that it meant it was not a good idea to continue with the trip. However, if there ever was a time when this would be less of a liability I can't recall one. There are new battles that Jim and I started to plan to join by phone prior to my getting home, even at the airport last night. I've spent part of the day writing suggestions to him.

There is a stack of new FBI records perhaps two feet high. I've not taken them out of the carton Lil could not handle yesterday.

There are more than 600 more pages on me personally coming from the FBI

So there is much, very much for me to do here - and now.

Besides resting up. I did not go back to sleep after you called yesterday but that is not the real reason I'm tired. You called only about an hour before the time for which I'd left a call. The weather was bad, the ride was rough, I had to make many ~~xxxx~~ schedule changes, and at O'Hare the plane from Wisconsin landed at one end and the plane for Washington took off at the extreme opposite end. I mean the most remote of that large airport. I had clothing for a week and much work with me, so it was a load.

The clips with your letter of the 27th are helpful. Thanks.

There is no chance of a cut rate from the CIA but there is a chance I may be able to work something out with one who wants those records. This would enable us to get the records without putting all the money out at one time.

Meanwhile, Lil has just sent the FBI something like \$400. It never ends!

Your friend Vane's father seems to have laid an egg with his deal with that hyena Schiller from the review in the Post. If they sold all the time they'll wind up with bad public relations with their own advertisers. The teaser for tomorrow night's segment was just going off as I got home last night. I'll catch tomorrow's. I suppose someone will have taped the first part.

The Post, in fact, indicted all of TV over that scatology.

I'll be interested in any reviews or comment you may see.

This will be true of those coming by CBS and NBC. Over the latter there is already harsh dispute. I hear that Mann and Lane have had a falling out over it, and the crook calling Mann a crook.

Before I try to catch up let me raise something that occurred to me while I was packing and came to realize that any reduction in size and weight in my attache case would now be more important than ~~was~~ before. Full it weights 35 lbs when I travel with it full, as this trip was necessary. This is not asking you to go out and buy anything but it is asking you to ask your property people if they have all the magic those of us outside of Hollywood believe.

I had the subminiature Lanier recorder for making notes in necessary on the plane, etc. I also carried the Sony TC 55, which is as small as the regular tape recorders are so far as I know. For it I also carried a spare set of batteries, the battery eliminator and an extension cord. Although this was a short cord, 6', it took up more space than two cassettes because of the thickness of the wire and the plugs at each end. So my question is do your people know of a thinner pair of wires for electric current where the load is very small and of any miniature plugs, male and female. If I can get these I can have a much smaller extension cord and still have security in interviews like planned for this trip.

The same is true of an induction pickup for the phone, something I rarely use but sometimes need for phone interviews. I'm sure they come smaller than the standard size one I have that also always falls off and with thinner and more flexible wire.

While these are essentially minor needs they could lighten my load in size and on a few occasions contribute toward the eliminating of one bag on short trips. (I no longer dare trust luggage to be outside the plane cabin and have only carry-on. Too many troubles in the past, even the rings of typewriters and tape recorders.)

Best,

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Dear Harold;

Thanks for your nice long letter and the reviews on "Behind Closed Doors!" Mainly I am glad to hear that you are much better health-wise. The amount of walking you are doing seems to be a big improvement. Is the numbness in your left hand any better?

You said the CIA wants \$1800. for xeroxes of the rest of the mind bending files. Is there any way to get that figure down. If someone else buys them will it be cheaper for you on the second batch? From what you write the stuff you are getting from the FBI must really be something. Will it help your case?

Am enclosing some clippings some of which must have appeared in the local papers. The ones on the Conspiracy Debates at USC I didn't hear about until after they were over. I guess they didn't reveal much new and cost \$45.00. To hear Lane I don't need that. Hope this finds you in much better health and also my very best to Lil and Jim.

Review on Lane's book
is interesting - the
reviews was not
completely fooled by same -
Best,
Paul

Hope to send another
donation soon.