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Dear Bud,

Unfortunately there is never time.

I do not know if the enclosed letter to Walter Zacharias will be comprehensible to him. I do know that if he talks to me it can be, fairly easily and rapidly.

I wrote it while awaiting the coming of a 14-year-old who is going to run my copying machine while I take Lil grocery shopping. When he comes, momentarily, I'll mail it and this, which will get both ~~xxx~~ out today.

This will be enough for a real standing-committee investigation.

It does get to the basic facts of the crime and of the investigation.

With almost every point I do have a definitive answer, definitive evidence.

As I went over the Shaneyfelt deposition I realized~~ix~~ the book and evidentiary potential of this reformulation of what Walter proposed to me ^{Thursday} and I declined except with a co-author. Evidentiary in terms of the Congress.

I think you realize that I would not pull a Mark Lane and lead a Don Edwards into a cul de sac.

I do not yet have the last of the depositions, that of Gallagher. It has been typed and awaits Jim. Jim will be back before you get this.

The potential really is here. It will ~~not~~ stay alive in court, inevitably. This gives a book an added potential, what I did not mention to Walter.

Pratt is trying to cut us off. We will be contesting that.

If he cuts us off quickly we'll be putting this all together for the appeal.

We are ignoring his verbal comments on ending the depositions and noted another, that of a clear perjurer, Kilty. We are letting the government move to quash. They could have by now. With Jim away I would not know.

If we depose not others We have Frazier, Cunningham, Gallagher and Shaneyfelt.

This includes all the basic evidence except the medical and the medical is relevant to all of their work.

And this is to say that there is a skeleton for the basic evidence for a short book and for a Congressional investigation long FOIA, oversight or Judiciary lines. For either or both uses it would still be fresh and new.

Jim is due back tomorrow night. I do not know how long it will be before he is caught up but I do expect that some time this coming week he'll want me in D.C. I also expect that my ride will not be available and I'll have to use the bus. This means I should be returning about 2 p.m., when the bus leaves D.C. The bus has me in D.C. about 8:30 a.m. This is in case you want to talk about the project. I can see it as providing what we need on JFK.

I am absolutely without doubt on MLK, as I'm sure Jim will confirm, My doubts here relate to Walter only. As I think I've said.

Hastily,