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Dear Carol and Jerry,

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When my wife runs the copying machine again she'll make copies of a couple of stories in which I debunked the Byers stuff, which I forced out after it was leaked. Better for Jimmy but not better for the committee this way. I've also had a chance to debunk it on coast-to-coast radio.

Jim is running a fever although it does not appear to be serious. He believes there may be good news on John in a couple of weeks from what he said day before yesterday.

I think the FBI arranged the Byers story to reach the committee to keep it running in circles. Then the committee leaked a part of it, one of the reasons I forced the rest out. I know that in testimony the committee asked you nothing about Byers. However, I don't know - and would like to know - if any of the staff people asked any of you about Byers or the others whose names I'm sure you've seen in the local papers.

In trying to place the staff people in their parts of all this questionable activity I'd like to know if anyone other than Eberhardt or Waxman spoke or tried to speak to any of you. I believe that both you and Jerry mentioned both names. Did they send others? Any women? (They have two on this end.)

Does Jerry have any idea what might interest them in Ft. Lauderdale? Any possible Stoner-Jerry involvement there?

Jerry told me he was going to Chicago and then I heard nothing from him. Next I hear his voice from St. L when I think he is in Chicago. Well, you never can tell about the Perry Mason types.

You may not realize it because you were so upset but Byers is the guy who was sitting outside the hearing room 5/8 when you, Albert and I were. Character who had two other men with him. I'd thought his name was Myers when they called him. If Jerry has picked up any info on him it might be useful, although that entire thing is irrelevant except as a reflection of the committee and its propaganda methods.

It would be a good idea to keep me posted on all you can as the hearings get closer, particularly because some reporters are going to be consulting me. Two new TV ones asked me to be willing to help them today.

Anything new on the Liver front? By now there should be. That we have not been unfriendly does not change my initial opinion. He did get me a good buy in cassettes of good quality and was to be looking for a reel-to-reel tape deck so I can tape operas for my wife. I've heard nothing from him recently but if I don't I expect we'll hear other things in time.

Sincerely,