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Dear Js,

The enclosed letters to and about David Outerbridge are largely self-explanatory. What this really means is that FRAME-UP, my only book to appear initially as completely commercially published, is far and away the poorest seller. I was co-publisher of SOWALD IN NEW ORLEANS. They have never accounted for the print to me but privately I learned there were two totalling 7,500. This means that many fewer than 4,500 were sold because that number includes review copies, other freebies and what remains on shelves and may yet be returned, hence my reference to those to be returned as being mine under the contract. These will cost me only 30¢ each plus shipping.

Jim phoned me about 1:45 to say he had mentioned this to Bud who is hopeful that in some way the money can be arranged as a gift. Nice touch. Hope so. Doubt it, however, and I certainly make no plans on it.

If I have never told you about Arch, he is a former West Pointer who even lines his wife and three teenage daughters up as in formation and lectures. Mary estimates his worth at not less than \$50,000,000, which makes him next ~~in~~ to the cheapest ~~rich~~ multimillionaire I've ever met. HL Hunt has the record that will endure. Arch established trust funds of \$5,000,000 each for his daughters and then decided they had to understand they could never expect to marry for love because with all that money some bastard would be marrying each for it alone.

In a letter Lesar tells me that there may be interest in an item not printed hereabouts, the narcotics arrest of one Byron Watson who uses aliases I do not know. It was in Atlanta on or after 10/1. This is from some of the zany "investigation" made for Bud by a man who used to be an IRS agent.

A letter from Jimmy Ray informs me that the Hooker law firm is suing Foreman for \$2,000. I phoned Lesar about this because it may very well be relevant to something I gave them and don't know if they have in the court papers. I can't imagine a prestigious firm like that one is in Tenn. suing for \$2,000 ONLY. Nothing in the papers hereabouts.

He also included a 4-graph AP story from Paris, Tennessee 10/3/72, saying that one Jose Luis Romero was offered \$460,000 in 1971 by "Mike" from an unidentified US intel. agency to off JFK. Want? Filing under Romero. The only Romero I have is a ^minuteman, not same name.

I got a today's Post instead of copying all of their major story for you. I and several other stories I thought might interest you are enclosed. I didn't piece them together and identify each so that Je could put her own markings on them and more easily discard any you do not want.

Later. Phoned Bill ^{Loeb} ~~Loeb~~, Manchester Union-Leader who has been helpful to me in the past, to alert him to possibilities of getting hurt in this. Spent most of the time talking to Art Egan, his investigative reporter. They have not followed the story. According to Art, Marilyn Berger as quoted, whether or not Clawson told her that, is wrong because they, the U-L, spoke to Morrison who says the letter was his. Art also told me that Sheridan is in some kind of trouble, was writing a book on the RFK-Hoffa thing and that Partin went back on trial today, this time in Houston.

The haphazard manner of preparation of the Ray habeas corpus petition is illustrated by my just getting today stuff I should have seen years ago. Haven't read yet.

There is a strange development in the Hoover v. Foreman suit. Lesar agrees it is not for just \$2,000. Ray told me, sent Lesar the clipping. I've suggested how Hooker should be written, considering what I have of Foreman's use or misuse of his name from a number of witnesses, independently, on tape, and without knowledge of this, in fact, months before this story broke. Hope they use the kind of approach I suggested.

The two letters from two of the Ray's today may interest you as illumination of them. Some day this week the repairman will come (good old contract!) to fix the switch on the machine and I'll use them as samples for testing unless I have to do some copying first. I'll not do what I don't have to because the machine is supposed to run a certain time after last copy for the fan to cool. I've ordered a fresh supply of paper, so that should permit better copies, too.

I'll answer the Ray letters now while listening (?) to the evening TV news. Best,

