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Dear Jim,

Lesar, who is an authentic night person, phoned about the time he was due to say hewas just leaving. I, natch, scheduled myself to be free when he and Scott got here. So, after a few chores, like fishing a possum out of the swimming pool and dosing it with chlorine, I've until they arrive, which should not be long now.

I'll read your 6/17 first. Her comment was "He's giving you good advice." I agree. In part I addressed this in a earlier note re German pub. reps. Re Scott and the personal. You are, of course, quite right. What happens when the head of steam builds is something else, so we need some kind of relief valve, some kind of control. If I decide to omit the Scott bit, let me tell you it was a particularly grevous case, where he was sheltering a genuine Nazi front (his district) which was performing the most valuable espionage for the Nazi's. By disguised and hidden and covered royalty payments, Hitler could compute the numbers and kinds of planes we were building. It was before the House Patents Committee. The outfit was Rohm & Haas- plexiglas. Soon vested by DJ.

If neither Howard nor Lesar send you Szulc's piece, my Bantam friend Walter told me Monday he has saved it for me and will send, so let me know and when I receive it I'll simply forward. You should read it and I'd welcome a broad evaluation, including of sources and especially from STM (West).

Hunt's best insurance is his talking. The more he does and the more he has a chance to the less the prospects of retaliation and the slimmer the purposes to be served.

Atlantic: Lesar says he is getting and will give me copy. If he does I'll lend it to you. Thanks for the info on Manning. I didn't know he was Atlantic editor. Nor did I recall that he was on that plane.

Alch tapes particularly welcome. I am certain your recollection is correct. That is the reason I wanted his second day. However, if he was pushed a bit, it was coverup. He was not pushed enough and not asked the obvious questions. The committee is also doing its own covering up. If you have tapes of mine that I said I didn't need back, would you keep them to repay you for these two? What I am hoping for but do not expect to find is a slim clue to why he did what no lawyer should consider ever doing, for whom. The Bailey indictment is obvious, but need not be it or all.

Haven't looked at the enclosed clips yet, but that is next if company doesn't show soon. The last batch was valuable in several different areas. What the clip said about Executive Action confirms my worst fears. Rehashing Garrison/Farewell America, no more. This alone explains Jaffe having any role. He is a certified dum dum whose one honesty is natural, a low brow. He was JG's emissary to SDECE and he may have what they are using. I doubt Trumbo knows this and all last night I toyed with writing him. Nice touch in GL's large west-coast moneybags distributing. Think he is named Schilman. Owns most of National General (which includes Bantam).

I did notice Je's chronology on ITT in going over the envelope. Reminds me that I think for Europe I should include an encapsulation. It thud will save much file searching. Our plans, by the way, if there is a contract and a decent advance, is for Lil to leave block for the rest of the summer. She has already told them it is possible, without asking me. She can then also be a research assistant.

X Returning to the personal line: the Germans like the idea of my saying the book is the approach an intelligence analyst would take, regardless of his agency or country. I think that is the way I'll handle it. I tried it on them and their reaction was stars. Mrs. F said the proposed title is excellent in English but not in Italian. They said almost the same thing about German.

Radio and TV news this a.m. says dean won't be making any appearances before Ervin committee until it is public because of leaks. When the leaks had to come from the committee and is openly attributed to someone who is there, and especially when Paul Duke (NBC) last night said he had a copy of the summary and this a.m. showed it on TV (8 a.m., Today), have you any notion of why who is doing this? I guess some GOP, prob. Gurney. Best,