

Dear Jim,

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Your letter is beautiful.

Of course I'm also delighted that you and the Wrones hit it off so well. I'm glad, too, to get your appraisal of Guth.

And when you can we look forward to the picture of Jennifer.

Lil, who right now is catching up on two days of copying, was quite pleased to get your letter. I'd been away for three days. When I got home yesterday she gave it to me, with a happy, satisfied look.

In fact if it were not for an epilogue to what took me away I'd probably not be writing you now, with a nightcap before bed.

After an hour and 45 minutes of Jerry Ray on the phone I need a drink!

The House assassins had John Ray and the sister, Carol Pepper, as secret witnesses. I won't take your time for all the authoritarianism and other evil. I'll just say that they make Joe McCarthy look good.

Carol, who had had a racist lawyer wished off on her in April, wanted Jim, who hardly had time and already represented John. Jim fought the committee in its executive session (all of them are executive sessions, believe it or not). They backed off and let him represent Carol. They claimed it would be a conflict of interest for him to rep. both. And they had done this before and gotten away with it.

I spotted something in a telegram they had sent Jim that led me to believe they would back off and I suggested a collateral attack on which Jim would have to back down - insisting on an open session or no testimony - and Jim did it.

I'd gone down for two days to help him. The third day was for one of my own suits. What then developed by way of new DJ stonewalling will keep me busy for a while when I have enough time continuously to work on it.

After supper I'd planned to get on it but Jerry phoned before we finished a late meal. (We'd both been working outside.)

The assassins are trying to build a case of the family conspiring with Jimmy. If anyone does not testify to what they want to believe the testimony is false or evasive to them. Incredible but actual.

You ~~sure~~<sup>sure</sup> covered quite a bit of territory. Your observations on the people you saw and the changes are interesting. It is true in most places, I think. I saw it happening when we lived at Hyattstown.

Lil has just finished making a copy for Wrone of a chapter of Bert Andrews' book Washington Witch Hunt. Senator Mathias sent it to me. I'd been told it was coming Monday morning when I met with one of his people on the Senate Intelligence Committee. I don't recall that he had me in the book. He did in the stories for the Trib. But I'll be interested in reading it.

Hope you found everything in good shape, including in particular the ailing cat.

Best,

