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Dear Hal and Js,

I anticipate that what is now assuming the character of a NYTimes campaign against me, probably not as personal as against FRAME-UP, will not without effort facilitate your p.r. efforts on my behalf. However, with Kaplan at Stanford and his USIA effort, there is a local angle. And the basis of the entire attack against me is fraudulent and the grossest error. My enclosed letter to Leonard is not at all inclusive. I restricted it to this length on the theory that this is about as long as the underground papers have any chance of using. I also assume that especially with the clear history with and before Kaplan, was with Epstein's attacks on me (entirely unrelated to his poor job vs Garrison), there is no chance the Times will use anything. They a case against Kaplan when they elected these Wolff lies.

Unfortunately, we lack facilities and funds, for I think a suit against the Times in that jurisdiction might reach a more receptive audience because Kaplan is local and because of his official propagandizing in the Angela Davis case. But among the impossibilities this would mean, even if a lawyer like Bob Trushaft could be interested, is the cost of my cross-country travel.

Malice, the current libel requirement (and I suppose damages are separate), can be met in this case, I think.

I expect no help, not even hand-holding, from the publishers.

If Jim Eason can sit still and silent with this, it will be one of my larger disappointments, and I have an extensive inventory.

Soon I'll be known as the country's most litigious layman-lawyer. I have the Baltimore federal attorney due here Wednesday on my old damage suit against the government. Thursday I go to Wilmington for a hearing on defendant's motion to dismiss based on a contrived allegation of non-compliance with procedures (I did, as the court personnel acknowledged). This will be Friday a.m., after which I'll return. Then the big one for the moment, my argument in court and so very alone in my suit for the clothing pictures, 6/15, with what I assume will be ample DJ preparation. It is on their motion to dismiss. The record is already longer than a long book, and I'll have to familiarize myself with that again, and the regulations, etc. And see if there is anything I can do to press perjury charges I've already filed as part of this action. I've not pressed for hearing, as I could have beginning 2/16, out of consideration of the large volume of papers I gave the judge and not to annoy him. Also in the hope that given time the DJ would find rope. To this moment they haven't. Were I a lawyer, I'd be without doubt of the outcome. And, with all the other things, this is rough on my nerves. I don't know when this will reach you, but aside from Jim, Owen Spann always treated me well. See if you can get past his producer. Maybe Harry will help. Lee Rashall would have, I'm sure, but he has been sick. Was last time I tried to phone him, maybe six weeks ago. To this moment not one of those I've long considered close friends on the west coast has aired a thing about this book, which is, I think a reflection of the Nixon-Agnew-Mitchell-Kleindienst changes. Repression. Fear. Same here. Aside from one show to Texas by phone and a Pacifica taping, I've had attention in New York only.

I expect to have copies for both of you. One is to be copied for PH and sent later. If you know any of the Stanford students, where there seems to be ferment, I'd like to hear from them, especially if they have a student station, as many schools do. I think a friend in NYC may approach Liberation News, possibly the Freep, which has always boycotted me, never paid for the books they bought, and refused to answer dunning letters. I sure get it from both ends!