

8/6/72 Although I recall no reason for believing there had even been any intrusion into mail between us and the cases warranting suspicion are few, there have been a few cases of reported non-receipt. This can be accidental, as also can be the unique history of Gary's last letter to both Howard and me. So, this is one of the reasons I have been numbering the envelopes to you. Even then I sometimes forget. A discount store near us is having a sale beginning Thursday of boxes of 50 envelopes like these for 24¢ per box. I plan to load up. If it meets with your approval, I'd like to take one box and number the envelopes in it in advance. I'd appreciate having a small supply of your little return-address slips. I could then, while looking at the TV news, address them in advance also...With the unaccounted disappearance of some of our key medical records and the hazard our extending the precedent we have already established in the law as it relates to noise, I think it is not unreasonable to anticipate that federal interest in me in this area also may at some point manifest itself, so on that count also I'd like to have a check. If I do not believe the feds did this to us I also can't ignore the possibility I have never told you all the whole thing, but I have what I suspect is a unique record of always besting the FBI, going back to about 1940 and including even superficial loss in court that was a major victory and may have been the most important single factor

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in the granting of autopsy-  
material access. I have never gone  
into this with anyone that I can  
recall, but it immediately followed  
upon a phone conversation in which  
the prospect of funding for the  
publication of PM was discussed.  
From the expert (local) who fixed  
my own phone for my own direct tap,  
I have a fairly explicit suggestion  
of another tap on it in the form of  
a general explanation of two taps  
on my rural exchange (automated) of  
which he knows. It consists in the  
buying of two lines going to a  
single point and tying them at the  
unmanned switchboard to the tapped  
phones. Unless someone has to  
check those lines on the board, and  
then only if it is a different  
phone co. employee <sup>than</sup> who did the  
original wiring, can this be dis-  
covered. With vpipe activation, the  
tapes require little attention. And  
unless the phone company has changed,  
each line is really two separate  
ones, so without cross-talk as on  
party lines, two lines means four  
taps. I can't imagine the local  
need for four. In the country? H