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Dear Jim,

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While there are a few serious purposes in my writing you now, the timing is in part to try to adjust to this old machine I've not used since World War II probably. My Hermes has never had a good cleaning and going over. I made a deal for getting it back Saturday if I took it in this a.m. It is an old Royal, one of the first portables, sort of a miniature upright. Only so many of the keys are different. I was able to get it fixed by accident, as I ~~am~~ have told you. No parts.

When I'll be in court for two days, this seemed like a good week.

What I'd planned for the day is shot. I'm awaiting a possible call.

Last week I bought a budget-priced file cabinet to put where I'd kept my ~~W~~ Watergate files. I got the WG stuff in the basement, transferred my Ray files to the new cabinet and set about moving all the others so I could eliminate the use of most bottom drawers. Except for special purposes that do not require using the much. Hard for me to get into them now. Well, I ran out of space before I finished. Discouraging. Now in order to accomplish this I'm going to have to move much into dead storage, with those drawers in the cellar also filled. Then I have to find the manpower for some heavy moving to make wall space. I could use a half-dozen cabinets for what is not in cabinets in the basement now.

I knew the drawers were stuffed but I underestimated how much.

I've been calling carpenters like mad to try to get some other work done without success. I find it hard to believe there are so many unemployed.

The prospect of having to take more time to decide what goes into dead storage and then moving it is also discouraging.

Meanwhile I've discovered I have a glare problem with these old back keys covered with a glass-like material.

I have been concerned about the post-phlebitis symptoms. This is why I wrote the local vascular surgeon, even if I did not really expect he could fit me in today. My worry is has ~~there~~ there been a further impairment in the less-damaged leg. That seemed to ease off, in sensation, last night but all morning both sets of toes were numb. What is really trying is not being able to learn what to expect - what is normal and what is not. This is complicated by the feeling that all the new venous supports are bad fits. Makes me uneasy.

Bud was an entirely different person last night. He was not unreasonable about anything and his thinking was straight. I reached him with the last letter. He understood more than I said. One of his few questions except for help I'm not able to give on a lawyer and what the committee should do was "are you suggesting a disbarment effort?" I was. And the Ray suit he has paid no attention to before.

These problems are multitudinous and not easily solved. Even met. With what appears to be gratifying success so far I have to decide what is worth trying and what the odds are to evaluate the time. It now appears that I'll be giving the basic evidence in testimony. I've proposed simultaneous testimony by some FBI agents and autopsy people.

Bud says there is not a single Democratic Senator who has any interest. This is one of my reasons for wanting Howard to testify. I could but on that I'd rather he get the attention. What the ~~DK~~ DJ did to the Kennedys is wretchedly bad. It could turn some Senators on. It is worth the effort and the testimony has other importances.

Les Payne had been covering the black meetings in Washington until today. He phoned. He is in accord with all, including my suggestion that he testify. If there is agreement on that I've a few notions of how to get around the lack of a staff and still put some live hot stuff on, on Cointelpro. If the nuts are not in control under Gonzalez I can go much farther.

While I've not had time to go over all the released CIA papers - I've been saving them for travelling reading - I've found some significant new material. I've completed a two-part add to Photo WW. Lil is, as is always necessary, retyping the rough for the camera. I'm waiting to hear from the printer on weight. I know I can add 14 p.p. Hope for 26. (Reference my probably wasted letter to Whitten. Unless one considers no more of that terrible stuff not a waste.)

What is also discouraging is to find that these supposed hotshots can't read spook English. They were going to do a big think on Allen Dulles talking to the CIA. Hell, he should have. This is what they were fed. What they missed is that part of what was discussed that the CIA did not memory-hole. Has real meaning after translation into normal English. If I could only find time to go over them all now! I can figure out a fair % of the maskings. There really is a movie in some I've read. ...

My letter to Hal has not been returned. It is also unanswered. ...

Everybody and his brother has applied for jobs with the new committee. ...

As you will see, I've set up my own impartiality on this by refusing to go on the staff if asked. Consultancies are a different matter. I've recommended Hoch if he is restricted to research. No other. ...

About 1/4 lb 3cl will leave soon. ...

First report from wholesaler who is handling my books, some, at profitless rates for me. Frame-Up doing poorest. Post Mortem best, good rate for an unknown book in particular. WW II and IV not much. They have no WWs and PWs.

NBC carried a long item on radio news about your throw-away Progress, its Sunday edition and plans for the future. Your equals S.F. I know nothing of their daytime fare but the nights are bleak.

We have a new adventure in store. We've been dog-sitting for the McDonalds/ for ~~xxxx~~ several days. Ian has a month of p.r. work in Manilla. Now we are to have a neighbor's dog for five days, too. Don't suppose you ever heard of dog-sitters before.

Best,

*Harry*