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Reur 10/7: All the little ^Hermes I've had is with ribbon reverse. More, apparently, than you. This one, 16yd, is the first that has worked almost well. Mostly. There was a costly hesitation that meant reshooting some long f'notes in PM. At the ends it appears to have hung temporarily, making some of the characters pale. But if we can get the right new machine, this will not be a future book problem.

Glad to get the Brown rundown. Knew little of him but did assume that putting Lowenstein on his staff was not an accident. Lowenstein can always practise NYC law, too. From what little I can gather of his recent press conference, he has come to see what I warned him about in the summer about eggs and baskets.

There can be no ballistics on the fatal shot so he needs the kinds of scientific tests for which I sued. I did some prepping on this with him at the end of the NSA DC mtg a while back, before he rushed to catch plane.

There also are a number of other factors bearing on conspiracy he had ignored.

Clearly he has changed from the summer's midnight's position as he gave it to me, if the tests showed no other gun he was satisfied.

I've not read the clips but have seen the heads. The antis in Memphis, for entirely ~~ind~~ different reasons, took exactlt the same position I did instinctively re phoney CBS suit. (Can you imagine what they'll be able to do with that wrongheaded suit in LA?) From prosscutor or judge they held Ray's rights endangered, if for the first time for either, both of whom ganged up to deny them earlier.

Rather wrote Ray five days after I wrote Rather. Certainly after he received my letter. He got nowhere. Copy came today.

I've heard nothing more from anyone there. As of the 22d the researcher on this part had said she'd be in touch before this. I don't know why. If there was a written decision we don't have it. Jimmy has heard they are going to appeal. They will now ~~an~~ alleged publicizable principle, not for the show. Our skunks disdain them. I think I speak for our skunks.

Tnx for jet noise clip. I'm try to get those decisions. I've read this one. I tried and tried to get the so-called experts interested in the other than physical harm from noise and in other than decibel-level evaluation beginning probably 1957 or 1958 without any success. The only one who knew and cared was an aged and since died Slavic otologist. Met him 1964-5. It was clear from my poultry that decibal level was not the factor. Lorenz agreed. Selye preferred the minus blanket of the lab. Etcetcetcetc.

Best, HW 10/9/75