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Dear Jim,

3/4/76

This is an advance confidential note that Bud, Jim and I will be out of the Ray case soon. It has been in the works for a while. I don't know what forces are at play but Jimmy decided to get rid of Bud and get another chief counsel. He did it without consulting any of us except for an elliptical letter that signified his ~~intent~~ intentions without spelling them out. I went in to confer with Bud, we got along, he had writ a crazy letter, I tried to talk him out of it but he was his usual bullheaded, wrong-headed self and made a bad situation worse. Jimmy want's Jim to saty in. He won't and I won't. I've been wanting out for years and this suits me fine except that I fear he'll wind up with another Stoner. I don't think anything will be said in public until after the 6th circuit decides. He made no mention of Livingston or me but I'll just leave as I've been wanting to for a long time. With my worl/work-product that is not in court records. There is enough of a record we've made to walk him.

I was working right along and had almost come to the end of the first chapter of Part 3 when Jim phoned. I then had to leave for some errands ~~to~~ and to see the psychologist or psychiatrist, I don't know which, as I told you would be happening. He is a rather loose type and that appeals to me much. Lil's electronic calculator needed a little cleaning, so to get everything done I took the entire afternoon and we had dinner with the Maioss. In a few moments Lil will have today's orders for me to package and I'll get them done.

I don't think Jimmy will be crazy enough to make an announcement prematurely. There is a better chance Jerry can. But the whole thing is crazy. And there is no telling when the insanity would end. So I'm glad, however it happens and whenever it does. It will also release Cesar to do other things I want done. I think there is virtually no chance he'll stay. I can't imagine Jimmy's now getting the kind of lawyer with whom Jim would want to associate now.

Because we were late I went over today's Post. Off the front page they are doing some experimenting. I found myself wondering if their numbers reflect the reduced quality of the paper. If their circulation is down they have inspiration for making the wrong changes. Those I spotted in a hasty skimming were not pleasing to my eye.

We have effected a delay in the next calendar call for the King-evidence suit. This means I may be able to leave for New York a little earlier and get back earlier. We have to go over whatever they'll release beginning the 23rd. Meanwhile, Jim needed more time to really wind up on them and they let/a fast one go. and he has to be away for a week.

Best,



WxPost 3/7/76 has all or condensation
Sheehan's Foreign Affairs article on
promises to Arabs. Not taking time to
read. Will be in first 3cl dated after
3/8/76, with Reuters China story and
Kissinger on Cuba. HW 3/7/76 MAR 10 1976

JDW: Talk about ESP. Sunday, remembering previous Marches and wet snows and Mother Nature's foibles - we had April in February - I got up some wood that had been cut, in case we lose current. Well, I'd like the ESP not to go that far but we are having a snow, wet and accumulating...The real reason for this note while I await the mail is to let you know that I expect some or all of the CIA Inspector General's report and I've asked Schweiker for copies of the 1,000 pages released and reported in today's a.m. Let me know if you want copies. I have them xeroxed in D.C. if you do. It will cost about 5¢ a page, maybe 6¢. These 1,000 pp. are on domestic intelligence. I think the CIA IG's report is mostly on the drug program. I'm also getting the Olson file, or the part released. Best, HW 3/9/76

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