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Dear Peter:

Now that you are no longer making thrice daily television appearances about O.J. Simpson, I thought that I might be able to ask a favor of you.

I recall writing to you in the midst of the trial and mentioning my work with the Federal agency that is, once again, looking into the Kennedy assassination. The Board for which I work is planning to hold a public hearing in Los Angeles this coming September 17. We are trying to identify a good location for the hearing. (We have secured a facility in downtown L.A., but would, frankly, like to hold the hearing elsewhere.) This morning I was asked if I knew anyone who teaches at the UCLA law school who might be able to arrange for a large room (75-100 people) for the hearing. Your face (replete with mustache and pipe) immediately came to mind. Do you think you might be able to help?

One of the witnesses scheduled to testify is Oliver Stone. Accordingly, there is a reasonably good chance that the hearing will create some media attention and that there will be television cameras. I don't know whether such a possibility would have any bearing on our securing a room, but I thought that you should know of that possibility.

I will try calling you tomorrow to see whether you have any suggestions. I hope that all is going well with you and that you are surviving the burial of the Fourth Amendment and the liberation of O.J.

Best wishes,

T. Jeremy Gunn

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