Tokyo — March 21, 1948

Dear Sonny,

I have today finished sketching my final reconstruction for Shimada. It is not all that I want but it represents many hours of study. It is not just the writing, argument– the tribunal found they didn't want that—it is mainly a summary of 35,000 pages of the transcripts and the preparation of citations of pages of exhibit documents to support each statement made. This is the third full argument I have written and in the last two I wrote more of the argument for three other accusers. 

Now I've been a busy boy.

At the conclusion of the case I want to go to Okinawa. It will cost me about $400 plane fare, but if you feel that a visit to your beloved friends is worth the money I'll make it. I'm seriously interested in what kind of training they are making now. They should move some steps toward which will add to your Gray collection.

The end of the trial here is somewhat like graduating from college. You look forward to it but feel sad when it finishes. And when you stop to consider—I've spent two years (one year short of a law degree or enough time to add a doctor's degree) in a solid study of the Japanese army.
I sincerely doubt that there are many white men who can surpass my intimate knowledge of it.
The reading machine has been wonderful. I've used it mainly in my work. Dictating into it each evening in the room it saves my secretary the next day. Some of my best work is done as
I think I wrote. I received the two 7/6 in April and 7/3 in April. The one hour ones are I suppose the worst.
It is really a wonderful gadget. I've had much success with it. And as you suggested, I'm due to get
your 7/5th before I leave, since it could easily get broken in transit.

My defense here centers on the doctrine of "actus non facit rem, nisi mens sit rea." You look that up in your law dictionary and you'll
obtain the key to the "great argument." I am advancing. On those few Latin
words, defense the life I'm formerly.

Excuse what I am doing but he told his Japanese lawyer to put me handle
his defense. The "readings" it will be his entire forest it gets coast I'll take
the credit.

That's about it for now.

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