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Dear Jerry (HC, GRG),

Oh! am I ashamed of myself! When you first told me what The American Scholar told you of McGeorge Bundy's efforts on behalf of Kaplan I should have thought of that I now ask of you pronto. Please write Bundy, who is head of the Ford Foundation, tell him you are writing an article or making a study of writing on the Warren Report and the ~~xxx~~ media reception given the critics, that the A.S. told you of his interest in getting Kaplan's piece published and the great resistance to it, ask him if he has any notion why there should have been any unwillingness to publish an article critical of the critics, and, if he recalls, what publications rejected it. My real purpose, so you can understand and do it your way, which may be a better way, is to get an admission from him that he did try to help Kaplan get that drek published.

Hed Crosby may have called you last night. He was going to, at my suggestion and on this point, his wife reminded him they were late leaving to keep an appointment. If he did, then you know enough. This relates to what I didn't want to go into when we were talking, one of the inevitable problems we face from ego-trippers, this one with a rather larger than usual potential for harm.

We may have what can be an urgent need for this admission from him. We can also allege it, should we feel it necessary, without it, but it would be much, much better to have in hand. As a matter of fact, I should have thought to ask you for this so I could include a brief statement of it in the chapter Hades-Not Camelot of the last part of POST WORKS, where it would be so appropriate! I may still want to use it as a note or as a footnote to relevant documents in the appendix.

I have not yet begun to put the new appendix together. For the two parts done earlier, it is done. I'll be eliminating much from them, for they now are irrelevant or unnecessary. And I won't get to putting the last part of the appendix together until I have completed correcting and posting corrections on the master. I have incorporated almost all the errors - all caught as she typed this new last part. I'll finish them this a.m. (you all are still asleep). I have yet to go over the suggestions earlier made for the two earlier parts, but not isolated them in two files for me when he was here and that went this long. Lil is reading the new last part for two purposes simultaneously: she is looking for typos, most of which we find, and marking it for indexing. This means she works two copies simultaneously: the indexing set, on which she underscores for indexing, and the master set, where she checks to see if the errors she spots on the indexing set have been caught. If not, then and there she prepares these corrections for me to post. After I finish with those she caught on typing, I'll return to the new ones she has caught. As of last night, she had about 20% of this done, which is pretty good time.

The re-indexing of the two earlier parts will not be as great a job because she can work the same two sets together. Her indexing set will not show the changes I've made, but the master will. She'll be typing these changes, all made except for those to come from the aforementioned suggestions. As she looks at each, she'll know whether they will require indexing. Where they do she'll make a carbon, and when all of this is done, as she goes through the corrected and repaged master, she'll mark out what I've eliminated from her indexing set, will take in what I've done by way of changes, mark it for indexing, and, with all the rest of it already marked and carded, all she'll have to do is add the very few new entries and correct the pagination on the cards as she goes. This is not something for overnight, but it will go faster because she had indexed these works as they were done originally.

Please send me an extra copy of the A.S.-Kaplan memo and write Bundy's name on the top or underline it in red so I'll know I want it to file under his name, please.

Thanks,