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Dear Sylvia,

It is all very simple tho I realize it may come as a surprise to you: good! I was afraid you might already have been contacted--and though it is still up to Howard Gotlieb at Boston University to decide about starting such a collection: he has ~~n~~ indicated interest so far.

You don't have to give anything now you don't want to: you can pledge it for the time when it is obsolete & you want it safely cared for--in historical terms I think this is essential.

On the other hand there must be some material--the mss of the present work; goddam, please dont let this disappear--you could be ready to submit now: you always can ask for it back; they are very good about service....and there must be some material also that you might just wanted ~~to~~ stored for safety reasons, etc? You could just make copies of other material that you

wanted available and yet wanted to preserve: I have a hunch that if Boston goes through ~~in~~ the idea, they would pay or actually do the copying of any material you wanted copied. If they go through with the idea, they will do it well, as they have treated me so very well; it is a comfort in my darker moments to have such a retreat!

Now I have already suggested you as "advisor" or whatnot to Howard Gottlieb, if he needs any advise on getting up such a collection: which means that you are simply the best person for him to lean on--tho he may not wish to lean on anybody--and tho he may even finally reject this brilliant idea of my wife Anne! Don't you think? I hope this may clear up some things; ask me any more questions you will: surely you see the need for a storage place for all this research eventually? available to the public, also--I just hope that some other university has not caught on to this idea yet--but then, they would have contacted you: meanwhile, I reserve you for Boston & Mugar and Me: with your kind permission: ok? Thanks for nice, nice letter, news & reviews...~~There must be some~~
Best MAX

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Boston does not pay for manuscripts, as other Universities do--the U. of Texas might offer you a fortune, for example, in order to bar off all this material? I'd expect that. But Boston evaluates all material given to it, at good terms, and this can be ~~xxx~~ an income tax deduction of substantial amounts, which can't be challenged by the IRS, as they know--I had this problem with them, and they simply capitulated, since it is a university gift they can't argue with.

More questions? I am
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