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Dear Paul,

I have to ask you for a rather large favor.

I have somehow managed to lose my file on Epstein's book LEGEND. Although I have hunted high and low in my archives, no trace of it. I never throw papers out and I never lend my files, so I am at a complete loss to account for this disappearance.

As I recall the file, it was rather thick with devastating criticisms of the book, not alone for its thesis but also for its numerous and shocking factual errors. I seem also to remember that much of this material came to me from you personally or, through you, from other people.

I would like to the extent possible to reconstruct this file. Am I correct in assuming that you have your own file on LEGEND? If so, I would be extremely grateful to receive xerox copies of your file, or at least of what you consider the most important critiques in it. Of course I would pay for the xeroxing and the mailing costs.

If you don't have the time, I will of course understand; but if you can manage, it would be an enormous relief and help. Eventually my papers will be deposited in a university or comparable institution and I would like the material to be as complete as possible. I am sure that you had commentary on LEGEND in your EOC but I am afraid those issues are in the missing file.

Let me take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Happy New Year.

With best personal regards,