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Dear Sylvia,

Harold has sent me a copy of his letter of January 3 to you, concerning the recently declassified material.

Although I do not share his proprietary feeling for public documents, I do agree ~~that we should~~ that we should not volunteer this stuff to those who are likely to misuse it; and, as far as possible, we should not put it on the critics' grapevine.

Could you tell me if ~~the~~ the Archives notified you, independently, about this release? That might get me off the hook a little with Harold, who is incredibly (well, not incredibly) pissed off. I really don't think that the long-expected release of public documents is any ~~kind~~ kind of state secret. So, both for the reasons Harold cites, and as a favor to me, I hope you can keep this cool.

If I haven't done so already, I want to acknowledge your letter of November 30, drumming me out of the club.

Sincerely,

*Paul*

Paul L. Hoch

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