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Dear Arch,

Thanks for your letter of the 11th. I hope you are having a good holiday season. I think I will hold off on getting a copy of your Sportsdrome analysis, since I don't have the time to do anything with it; thanks for telling me about it.

I am writing about my "Christmas present" from the Archives - the list of material which has just been released. By my count, it comes to all of 67 CD's, parts of 10 more, 804 specified pages from another 54 CD's, and 35 SS reports. I was sent only about 40 pages, but it is clear from them and from the index references that there are lots of goodies in this material.

You mentioned last month that you have a standing order for all items that are declassified, and that you are willing to make copies available on a share-the-cost basis. I expect that I will want to get the entire batch, if I can afford it. I am sure that there are a couple of other people who will want the whole file, and others who would like large parts of it. I would like to offer to do the handling and mailing myself so that we can take advantage of the low commercial Xeroxing rate here (still 3¢ per page at most).

I am sending copies of this letter to several other researchers who, I assume, have just heard from the Archives. I am acting in some haste because I want to encourage people not to order directly from the Archives if it seems that we can work out a much more economical arrangement. I could handle this on a priority basis just as quickly as the Archives, I am sure. I would like to hear from people as to their interest - are there others who, like me, will take almost any CD material, sight unseen, for 3¢ a page or so; do people want to order selected pages from you or me, etc.

Perhaps the Archives has not yet sent this material to you, for some reason such as the large number of pages involved. If this is the case, I will commit myself to splitting the cost with you, 50-50 if necessary, up to \$100 or so. You might want to tell the Archives that you will need rather good Xerox copies. (That reminds me - I would like to hear from people if clear 2-on-1 reduced Xerox copies are acceptable, given the almost 50% saving in cost.) If you want to send the material to me when you get it, or even have the Archives send it here, I could get a set to you in a couple of days. Of course, you are entitled to first crack at whatever you have ordered, but that would save time and postage costs.

I would hope that if we can work out some way of getting these items around, we will also be able to cooperate in making the best use of them. This seems to me to be a rare opportunity to get constructive publicity about the case without the New Orleans albatross. There are lots of goodies that will lend themselves to sensational use or misuse, but where substantial work has been done by researchers from other sources. That is, the goodies will be most valuable if related work that has already been done can be disseminated also. I have in mind, among other things, some withheld pages that are on the Archives list but were first released to me in response to requests under the Freedom of Information Act - an interview with Quiroga, and various Vallee documents. I am sure that other researchers have special interest in and knowledge about other such material, and it would be worth making a special attempt to coordinate our efforts. (Arch- this paragraph is obviously directly to all the recipients of this letter, and definitely not to you in particular.)

Let me know how my ideas strike you.

Sincerely,

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