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Dear Arch,

In response to your letter of October 2 concerning the withheld Archives documents, I have a couple of suggestions:

(1) We should coordinate our requests for this material. I have already ordered a good number of the most interesting withheld CD's. I can't afford a "blank check" order for the non-CD material, but ~~perhaps~~ perhaps together we could. That is, ask for a Xerox copy of ~~everything~~ that becomes available. (It would be economical to look at it first, but it might be harder for the Archives to slip something past us if we have a standing order for copies.) This might cost a lot, but we could make up for it by distributing the good parts to the critics at somewhat more than cost.

(2) We should file ~~lots~~ lots of requests under the Freedom of Information Act. This is easy and cheap. We can exhaust our administrative remedies and then let cases accumulate while we decide whether to go to the trouble and expense of a suit. These requests should be for specific material, not necessarily in the Archives, and we should have a pretty good idea of what each document we ~~ask~~ ask for is about. If we throw in a few requests for withheld pages which we have or which are published it might keep them ~~hopping~~ hopping.

Sincerely,

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cc: Bud, Sylvia