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Dear David,

I am happy to say that I am back home and have made a start on the volume of synopses and tables of contents of FBI (mainly Gemberling/Clements) reports. Thank you again for all the trouble you took in putting these documents together and sending them to Boston--I really appreciate it.

Some of the material in the synopses is quite interesting and in most cases I have the index (mentioned usually at end of table of contents) in the set of indices I purchased some months ago from Paul Hoch. The check-list compiled by Fensterwald (revised edition of September 1968) indicates which pages of the CDs are available as CEs or from the Archives, and which remained classified as of September 1968. The check-list, even as revised, seems not to be entirely accurate, however. For example, it indicates a total of 9 pages for one CD which actually runs to well over a hundred pages.

What I would appreciate knowing, now, is whether you have already ordered or obtained from the Archives particular CDs or pages thereof. CD 1518 mentions a gouged out hole in the grass near the TSBD observed by Mr and Mrs Wayne Hartman, treated on pp 41-46 of the document. According to the Fensterwald check-list, all pages of that document are available from the Archives but not published as CEs. (I am using this for purposes of illustration.) Assuming that I wish to obtain those pages, should I order them personally from the Archives? Or do you have them already and can I order copies from you?

In other instances, both of us may be interested in a particular page~~s~~ or pages of a CD. It would be a pity if we both ordered and paid for the pages, from the Archives, although that may turn out to be the only recourse which does not involve laborious exchanges of information between you and me to determine which pages of which documents I wish to acquire, and whether or not you can supply them, and whether (if you do not have them already) you, too, would like to obtain them.

Do let me know your thoughts and advice on this aspect of the mechanics of the access to further information on questions treated in the synopses and tables of contents of the volume of FBI reports. I have not yet examined the other sets of CDs you forwarded to Boston and it may be that the identical question will arise there, too.

How is the work going? I felt completely cut off from the outside world while in Boston, even though mail and the New Orleans papers continued to arrive --I just could not find time to read them, we were working such long and concentrated hours. The Ted Kennedy scandal broke while I was in Boston and was given saturation coverage there, naturally. I think it is one of the most sordid, ugly, and discrediting affairs yet, with Ted K. coming off very badly indeed. What is the reaction in Los Angeles?

I will remain at home for the next ten days or so, then back to work as usual about the 11th or 18th of August. All the best,

As ever,