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Dear David,

I have now had a closer look at your ABNP index and I am now inclined to agree with you that it is serviceable as is. The effort and labor that would be required to rearrange the material simply is not warranted. Personally I would not have bothered to indicate (*) probably title pages--at the current price per page, it is a false economy

If I understand the situation, you intend to order all the ABNP pages for each specified subject on microfilm, which I can then buy from you as xerox print-outs. So put me down for the whole works. I don't think I will even try to weed out those pages which I have already acquired from the Archives or other sources: to pay for duplicates will be less extravagant in the long run than to spend the time needed to weed them out, when time is so scarce. It is our busiest time of year at the UN and yesterday I came home with work and spent four straight hours at the typewriter, drafting reports and letters, etc.

I guess there are now ten or twelve junior "Archives" in various parts of the country, containing various CDs and parts of CDs from the National Archives and a rich assortment of other source material from a hundred different places. There are certain to be materials in each collection missing from the others; but I doubt if there is any way to correlate things so that everyone knows what exists and everyone has what he needs.

And it is not only having access to materials, of course, but recognizing what is important. For example, when Weisberg was here earlier in the week I showed him CD 5 page 400 about the arraignment. He had long ago been through CD 5 but overlooked this crucial paragraph (assuming, of course, that page 400 was ABNP at the time)--(and it was available when Fensterwald compiled his cross-index, dated September 1968).

Your ABNP index must have taken staggering labor! But you young people have the energy, while I feel age and weariness breathing down my neck. As you will see from the enclosed, I have now been through the Frazier transcript, gnashing my teeth repeatedly at the opportunities Oser missed time and again to pin Frazier to the wall, on a variety of points. Was that your impression too?

All the best,