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Dear George,

I returned from Ocean Beach a few days ago, but I suppose that you are still away in Texas or California. I hope that your visits are fruitful. I have re-read your handwritten letters of the 1st and the 12th asking me to make information available and note that you asked for an estimate of the cost of copying. George, I just cannot undertake the expenditure of time that would be needed were I to make copies of material from my files. I suggest that, instead, I will send you original materials taken out of my files, which you can read and, in instances where you desire a copy to work with, have xeroxed or otherwise copied before returning the material to me.

We will need a few ground rules. In order to keep mailing costs down, I suggest that I send you material in batches of, say, 30 or 40 pages, by special 4th class library rate, which costs only 6¢ for the first pound and 2¢ for each additional pound. As you return each batch, using the same library rate, I will send out another, until I have supplied you with everything that might be useful. Another advantage (for me) of this method is that I will not have to attempt one comprehensive search of all my files but will be able to do it in installments, reviewing a new set of files each time you return previously sent material. At the end, when you will have made copies from each batch of what you find helpful, you can organize your copies in chronological order and you will then have an over-all sequential picture of the development of relations between the critics and Garrison, and among the critics themselves, insofar as my files reflect that picture—hardly, need I say, in exhaustive terms, but rather illustrative.

Another ground rule, if you agree: I would like each batch I send you maintained in a group, for the selfish reason that it will then be easier for me to replace the material in the proper files.

The material I send you will consist largely of letters written by me, which you are free to use. I will also send you letters written to me, which will be for your information only and not for quotation (unless you obtain permission from the author of the letter, or unless I specify that such a letter may be quoted because of the innocuous contents). There will be miscellaneous material also, including copies of exchanges of letters between two other persons; transcripts of broadcasts; logs of press stories; etc. I don't think we can make any general rule covering the miscellany, so it will be best if we treat each such item separately, should you wish to use it, that is, you would consult me first as to whether it is for your information only or can be cited or quoted.

Ideally, I would like to make a list of what I do send you, with the date of mailing. I fear that that may prove to be very time-consuming, whether I do it at this end, or you make the list on receipt of each batch or on return. It would consist of listings such as "Meagher to Joesten 9/21/67" for a letter, more precise description for other materials. I have one batch ready to send you now and will make the list, with copy for you, to get an idea of how much work is involved.

I hope all this is not too fuss-pot but experience has impressed me with the need to treat each piece of paper in my WR archives like it was a 70-carat diamond. Let me know how these suggestions sit with you and if you have any alternatives to suggest. Meanwhile, I will mail you the first random selection, under separate cover. All the best,

Sincerely,

Sylvia Meagher