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Dear Sylvia,

Comparison of the two lessified/unclassified lists I've sent you provides still another classic case of official duplicity. They have pretended to me that what they gave Paul doesn't exist. I've been asking for it for not less than two years. I rather imagine the comparison will be effective in court. Our suit is a bit closer to filing. This time I arranged for the lawyer to be involved by having what was given me given to him for me. His is first-hand knowledge. He also has both.

I took him with me Thursday when I went there. After I showed him what I wanted him to see (and will show you if we can get together), we had a long conference with Angel on this and other things, which served only to let them know what they were doing and that if I do not get what I am entitled to I will go to court for it.

Anyway, although you cannot now use the Archives, you are up to date on what is accessible, what isn't. We'll keep it this way. I anticipate no new declassifications, despite earlier promises by the LBJ adm in the DJ.

Bud heard last week that the DJ has finally drafted a response to our letter saying give us or we go to court. The draft now requires approval, etc. We are not in a hurry, for I'm still building the record. We'll sue for less than the maximum, for what we think we have the strongest case. Doubt if we will be ready until at least Thanksgiving.

My wife has almost finishing typing addition to COUP. Total book, without notes (still to be done) and appendix about 300,000. Appendix, as I recall from earlier this year, about 150 pages of documents. What a monster!

Hope we'll be able to get together. I'll be staying near 4th ave and 11th St., probably remaining Tuesday night only, returning Wednesday, unless I must stay over. Have to be in Wash Friday for annual checkup.

You know, they actually told me Thursday, when I asked for the file you've just returned, that they didn't have it? Bud was with me. Whether it is more than incompetence on the part of the clerk may be a question, but there is no doubt about Johnson. He is the one who provided it to Paul, and over Angel's signature. Here there is no innocence.

Best regards,

