

Dear S, 10/25/71

With a moment before lunch, this brief note to tell you that I have had no word re: the matter of our recent conversation, which I regret, and that I spoke to Mary by phone when she was in DC, apparently for a meeting of the CTIA, whose board she surprised me by joining. She says Buck is better, has been back and work 2 1/2 months, and that she was silent because she had been so busy, with George Rennar living there for two months. I wonder what if any investigations he then conducted? She didn't say...One word of belated comfort: she says she has never heard anyone laid out of Lesar did Sprague. Apparently he picked them both up at the same time and if he were going to address such remarks to Sprague he had no alternative to her being a witness. Earlier I had written Bud and Aprague rather severe but for me rather moderate letters on the same subject, his most recent dreck in Computers. I restricted myself with each to the personal, save for a general comment on the overall effects of such egregious error and public stupidities and dishonesties. I have seen neither Bud nor Dick nor Jim, nor have I had any responses, but from what MF says the CTIA & Computers are phttt! Let us hope! Each separately is bad enough. Also, it seems that whether or not at CW's request, and without knowing otherwise I assume without, in recent months Smith has been concentrating on the medical stuff in order to be able to help CW. When they all know that I had written two books on this, aside from what I had published, it gives a reading on CTIA intent, anyway, for it was without reference to or consultation with me. In all of this I have little doubt that Bud & Bob planned a coup for themselves, meaning their committee. Best,

