Dear Howard, 7/24/72

Lil just asked me to check the Burkley middle initial because of a typo in PM. When I went to my file it was completely empty! Only the folder is there. I am aware that I can have mislaid or misfiled it, but I also want to ask you if you recall where they were when last you saw the papers now so involved.

Did either of us show them to Ross?

That would have been the most recent occasion. Rather, could have.

The earlier copies are also missing, which makes me think it less likely that a single part of the file along got misfiled.

I'll send you today's letter from Jerry and my response. I don't know if he sent you his. If he did and you have no need for my copy, I'll put the dupe in the foundations folder so that if any of it turns up missing in the future, the explanation will be clear.

I'm not going to spend all this time on his verbal drek again. But I do really think he is sick and needs help. Such people never conceive it possible and regard the rest of the world as wrong.

But at least he now says he will get it, if only because he is so courteous.

Note his built-in excuse for not returning my stuff. I gave him POST MORTEM as an example and as a test. He has to have all the copies of that he made in a single folder the return of which could be simple. And NOTE his refusal to respond on any redistribution of anything. It would have been easy, were it the case, for him to have said he didn't do it.

He seems constitutionally unable to be anything but a slob when he handles things. I had occasion to go to my "reviews" files yesterday to get an extra copy for which I'd been asked and even that he had all messed up, simply returning folders to the wrong place. I don't know if I straightened them all out of not, not having had any occasion to look at them for years. As you know, this interested him. So, he made a needless mess.

Best,