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Dear Jim,

I would have explained your last as soon as you did - so I will not return it to you in any event. However, there is one of my archival things of which I made an extra copy and, as far as I can tell from my machine, went to see you. You gave me immediately hoping to find a copy there. Instead I found surprise.

What you had told me is that you would be returning to ~~me~~ the copy I made of all my archival correspondence, both ways. Which was said to be related to file a suit for me. Not one of these files was included in what you returned.

Now when I did what you asked, which cost me much in special paper and time, I gave this a complete file to that point and copies thereafter as things happened. To the point where I made the initial delivery, you should have a set of my archival records, both ways, by year, and in chronological order. Thereafter, you should have them, I guess, still in this order, as a ~~maximum~~ next or give and come as my machines continue.

When you responded to one of my letters to him to which he never responded, you said you had already put these in a box. Perhaps you have forgotten this, as I may have mis-understood you or remember incorrectly. However, I recall you in the event you did put these archival files in such a box and forgot it.

In this connection, I remind again about the inventory of which, in his capacity as my lawyer, ~~had~~ had and have a copy as I did of all my present files. You returned not my original but a xerox. I asked you about this and he also has only a xerox made from my original, which will have a fleur de lis pattern on the back. Obviously, that had got from the only lawyer he had no business ever getting into any other files, least of all into ~~my~~ ~~the~~ files with the understanding I had with him from the begining, no secret from you and disclosure often enough, if without explanation, for a long period of time. When you handed me this xerox you acknowledged that it included a copy of my note in handwriting. So, whether or not it has this pattern on the reverse, as I believe, it will have a note on the front page.

Obviously, there is nothing I can do about copies that have been made without my permission and I believe improperly. However, I can and do expect that no use will be made without my permission of either this or other such files or anything they lead to. It is also obvious that when one is dealing with government files, one may or may not find them on his own. In this case, whether or not one of you would, the fact is that you didn't. So, I think that the very least I can (and do) expect is that share it back to the end product of my work alone, and you know it is effort and cost that went into it and the projected use, that will be let alone, not copied and not copied and provided to others.

If you are not around then, this happened after I had made quite an issue of such impropriety and repeated breaking of promises that were a precondition to any relationship. In my view, the ethical obligation and assumed duty failed to honor is transferred to those now associated with him if only because it was a precondition to which he agreed and without which there would be no such access or copies bidding around and wrongly copied again.

I hope you can locate these files and that the next time one of you is here or I am there I may get it.

Sincerely,

bcc only and CONFIDENTIAL:

I merely skinned these files. They all bear GIL file identification, a gross and deliberate violation of my understanding with Bud and something that could not have been done until after Bud left them there, when this began. In the skinning I found several only copies that were to have been returned promptly, several instances of the recopying of these things on Bud's AT&T machine, and in one big hunk about 80 pages so recopied when in that particular case it was explicit that this not only would not be done but that nobody would be given access without my permission, which was never asked and, there being no need, would not have been given. I will go over these folders as I can and reintegrate them into my own files. My purpose here is to alert others because this is utterly unconscionable, can't be accidental, and I can only wonder what nuts have what copies. There was some FBI material apparently thermofaxed on yellow Thermofax paper, which Paul has never used with me. Not addressed to me, so I could not have have these copies. Besides, it has been years since my T'fax machine worked and I was then and had for a long time used blue Tofax paper. LM