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Dear Jim,

I presume Lou has communicated my thanks for your letter and che ck. This letter relates to another matter, material never returned, some of which I now need. There once was a record of all of it, then there were occasional letters referring to some of it, and I do not know what, if any, kind of record remains in your office.

Before much time is wasted, let me explain that I am asking only for what I did not copy for you. Most of the things, by far, I had copied and gave you copies. It is not these things.

What I now need was too large for my copying machine. It was a roll of reproductions from The Councillor. I carried them there by hand and left them for whoever in your office thought you should have them as a record. After copying they were to have been returned. I have written a number of letters that have gone unanswered, asking about this and other things.

Some of this is irretrievably gone, as I learned when I tried to locate some of it when I was there. And I do not now recall all the things there were. However, if he can every find time from all the many things that keep him too busy, I think you has some records and may be able to put his hand on the various items. It is my fault I did not keep a good record, but I did not anticipate the need to.

Right now, in connection with work I never discussed with you, the Councillor is of some interest to me. I do not have a clear recollection of what was in the stories left to be copied but I should, as soon as possible, go over them. If your office has kept any clippings from it, anything of later vintage would interest me, as would anything they carried on the King murder.

Communication is always a problem, especially when the separating miles are so prohibitive. I think too often each of us, generally, is unaware that knowledge he has may mean more to another. We are thus mutually handicapped. It has been some time since Moo told me he had provocatively interesting confirmation of our unsuccessful quest of Good Friday 1966. I regret he hasn't gotten it to me, as he promised, in the various ways open to him as a consequence of his having been here. I did much work in that area of which you are unaware and found confirmations only partly reflected in your files, for I had learned some things, as we now all know, could not safely go there. "Area" here is not alone geographic. Someday, when I have written all I want on this subject, I think I'll write a mystery about a talking parrot who repeats clues to a murder, leaving the problem, how did the parrot know. ...y other writing enttimes, but at a reduced pace, for I've had to slow down.

I think if you can let it be known it would be nice to return what can still be located of my material, time will be found to locate it. Thanks.

Best to all,