

Dear Gerry and Dennis,

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Having heard from my friend California Bill that what I'd said in sending him copies of the Mechiporenko and Donahue/Menninger manuscripts was not clear to him perhaps I'd best go over what I had in mind for the two of you to be certain I wasn't unclear in it.

Aside from the continuing problems of age, whatever it was that caused Lil to be dizzy for a while has left her a bit less unsteady. I try to do as much for her as I can, and that takes a little time. I am also more limited in what I can do. Some of it that is real is not ^{exactly} explained. I used to be able to sit as you have seen me do at the xerox machine and do an entire long ms. without any problem or reactions. Now I cannot because those motions are too tiring. But in a way the major new problem is my realization of what I should have known and ignored, with Lil handling that end, the monthly costs of my medications alone. More than \$750 most months. And we each had some dental problems not included in Medicare. ~~Now~~ we are not broke or anything near that but with these continuing expenses and the possibility if not the probability that one or both of us may have to go to a nursing home I have to be more careful. However, if I had someone to do the retyping I'd probably continue with that expense. I have someone who is supposed to be retyping the first epilogue to Waketh and in more than a month have not seen another page. She has a job and three children so she has little time.

So, the only way I can make available to you and a few others what I do is through the rough draft and I can't afford to ^{buy} have all the xerox copies that would require and making that many packages would be burdensome for me now. So, I sent a copy of the two manuscripts mentioned above to Calif. Bill, telling him he and others I named could have copies if he or they wanted to make them and then I asked that it, rather those two, be sent to Bill N. so he could make copies for himself if he'd like them. I asked him to send that copy to Dave for Dave to keep.

I sent copies of Gerry so he could make a set or either if he wants it and asked that he then send them to ^{Dennis} you so you ^{Dennis} can make copies if ^{you'd} like and I asked Dennis to send the copy I sent to Gerry for him to keep.

This means, of course, decided ^{INB} without reading ~~whether~~ you want those roughs or taking the time when you may not have it to read and decide. I'm sorry there is no real alternative for me now.

I am expecting something by mail that I think you'll want copies of and I'll be able to make them, I believe. I'll let that wait for your reading and personal decisions on worth or value.

Jerry has been busy with administrative matters at school and that has slowed down his work on the 62-109090 file, the FBI's ¹¹²⁵⁻²⁷ ~~iii~~ liaison with the Commission file. He believes you will want to use it in your writing. He'll have copies of his own of some and he is making notes. He will provide you with his notes. I have the impression he thinks one or both of you should go over that file, which is not very large. I think he said he has eight more sections to do and he is finished with it.

He did get the sabbatical he'd requested so he can work on that book. The time he gets it has not been fixed.

I've heard nothing from my niece about what can be done over her using that strange computer program. My sister says she is gone from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m. and has little time but I think she is embarrassed and in addition cannot take the time to learn about getting it converted onto other disks. That is the manuscript on the Groden books.

Meanwhile, I've started a manuscript on The Dark Side Of Sy Hersh and will appreciate anything you can send. I drove into town to get the NY Times Saturday after reading in the Wx Post of the lawsuit filed by those who dealt with the fakes!!! but there was nothing in that Times. And, with Kennedy the subject, perhaps the Boston Globe may have what other papers do not.

Can either of you retrieve from Publishers Weekly or the NY Review of Books? Do do it because I've asked Dave, who said he'll see if he can. But if he cannot, this kind of controversy should have been in both. If Dave cannot I'll ask you if either of you can.

Thanks and best,

Harold