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Dear Jim,

Not yet through envelope. I'd just started to read the new Declaramtionof Humanm and Legal Rights by Mardian when I had to stop for something immediate. The Wil. case was postponed until 5/28, so to give you my new anticipation of when I'll not be available it is beginning 2 p.m. Tues. 5/18, when someone is coming to tape interviews, probably until close to suppertime; 5/19, when the USAtty Balt is coming at an unset time (and the ecology people ought really get interested in this because of the new precedents I can set if this goes to trial, with the first suit establishing everything but the nature and extent of subsequent damage); and sometime in the p.m. 5/27, when I go to Wil for the delayed hrg of 10 a.m. next day. Probably return 5/30.

As you knew I would, I wrote Boggs when you faced futility and unreason, and I sent copies to a few people of whom Paul Hoch was one. I heard from him today in a way that surprsies me only by its moderation, for as I told you, that mail-cover stuff was his work, whether or not duplicated by Bob at a later date, if at all. It was marked "CONFIDENTIAL". Paul asks for a copy. You may recall, I had suggested that copies be sent him and Sylvia on the off chance that they might independently and without prompting see some of what I did. I feel Paul is entitled to this, and I would hope not to be in the position where, in order to protect his interest, I might be tempted to send him a copy. For your information only, and I did not broadcast it, what comment I have had on my letter to Boggs was good and there was no single criticism. Now at some point somebody is going to have to ask if the CTIA in any form can survive this kind of thing-or if it should or deserves to. All of the senior critics refused to associate with it, quite independently, for reasons that have been all too well established since then. If it is to be rule-or-ruin, the question will reduce itself to whose ruin, or what. There is another and little-understood aspect. When we had t e strongest disagreements, as Sylvia and I over Garrison and Hoch and I over his melons work, we never suspended genuine cooperation and none of us has every tried to take or even permitted the semblance of trying to take credit from another. The only legit criticism of me in this direction is the oppositem I confused two credits. Among ourselves, we have leaned over so far backward on this tha t when Sylvia spotted an omission in WW of which I had known and simply forgotten to include, I offered to give her credit for it and she declined it because it had been called to her attention by Lillian Castellano. I then wrote Lillian, who refused credit out of fear. But this was also my own independent work and is in my notes as of the time of issuance of the Report and was marked in the hrgs. Between us, we we are quite unlike the false representation of the wierdos and the ambitious. I think it impirtant in terms of integrity for what was done to be faced squarely and acknowledged to self, that being more important than to others-and an end be puta beginning with any distribution of that junk, to any unauthorized and then uncredited use of the work of others. You very well know how open I am with my work, and I assure you this is true of all the responsible senior critics. You ought (all) be asking about the motives of those who allege otherwise. But there is another thing I do not want to forget: that matter of the most immediate possible return of everything that is mine, regardless of source (i.e., the unauthorized gift of Garrison), except what is required for litigation, and the segregation of that. The promised letter of a year ago was never sent or was never sent me. It was when last I saw a draft then inadequate. I now regard it as more so. We are all too busy, so that can't long be an excuse for delaying this further. If you had the remotest idea how much time it cost me to duplicate all of my government correspondence on what turned out to be no more than Bud's whim, for he didn t do with it what he said he would, or how much of a problem the cost of the paper alone was, you might better understand the strength of my feeling about this. Don't put it off and don't let it be put off. To a degree, not knowing your filing system or method, I can help.

I am currently engaged in operations of some tenderness and delicacy on a number of areas where all of you know I have in one way or another been working. I can't here indicate them. A few you'll have no trouble guessing immediately. The potential is one I do not indicate, but I encourage you to considerations positive and negative. I do hope there can be an end to this cheap publicity-seeking that never succeeds in any constructive way, jeopardizes all of us and and chance of achieving any credibility again - and can right now and for a while jeopardize what I make this elliptical reference to. If there is so much as a peep of any kind from Sprague, he and others may learn there is a furier than a woman scorned.

Now that you have a recorder, on such things as the spectro response, I may tape notes to you while I read, which is much faster for me. You can then return the cassette, and I'll still have my notes if I want them.

In more than one way, the matters of delicacy referred to above also involve the Ray thing. Two of these are things I would have thought would have occurred to you, personally , perhaps alone. To the degree I can, I&ll discuss them in confidence when next you are here. I expect a full house the weekend beginning 5/21, by the way. This d,esn t mean others can't or shouldn't come should they desire, but it does mean confidential conversation may be inhibited at times.

I've almost finished Dorman and find it interesting in every way, fascinating in some. I think, for example, a perjury charge against Foreman can now be sustained. I&m not talking about mere lying under oath. If the civil matter is to go forward, perhaps I have found something that can be helpful in that, too. I have marked it.

The handling of the Ray mail thing was very good, and having read that, I am even more of the opinion that the advice I gave to press on copies is correct and should be done immediately-through the post office to begin with, next to the FBI, and next, if as I think possible, in federal court. This can now get attention where it couldn't before, for there was almost no single minute where there wasn't pending a criminal trial or an appeal.

While looking at the news on TV tonight, I expect to begin establishing the first of two files on the declassified CDs, this one numerical and to be preserved that way, so that should you (or anyone else) file them another way, we'll always have this to consult. I'll also be keeping them in a separate file cabinet. I'll then file the second set by subject, meaning by subject as adapted to my planned writing.

Before closing, I strongly encourage you to let me know if there is any prospect of Sprague's saying a word about what we discussed in sufficient time to stop it. When you are again here you will understand better, but I feel I can give you and you alone a clue to one of the many reasons: the leak to him was designed because of what could be anticipated to be (and was) his reaction. It was, in fact, directed.

Sincerely,