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Dear Jim,

You must have had a job with the xeroxed copies of the declassified CDs, for so many were copied so much to high they bear no identification. By assuming they were in order in the original box and by counting the number of pages and comparing with the list, I think I have all the first batch with the pages of each CD in a correctly-marked file folder. However, the first batch was not complete. I made a list as I went because you had asked me to check of the illegibles, of which there are some visible without checking for them.

BUT, when I got to those you had taken home to use, boy what a mess! There were not in order, although batches seemed to be. If I hadn't recognized CD 75 and put those pages in order, I'd never have known what that was. There remain about two dozen pages that were loose and I cannot identify. And the time this took!

I can't go over each one now. I put both sets in the same folder so that as I go over them, I can card them, and know where each is by subject. Thus it will be some time before I know which ones are missing. That some are I knew with the first batch. Whether or not there are more missing in the second batch or whether the missing ones are included there, I have no way of knowing.

I do know that some of those in the second batch were those not in the first, but in each of these cases, there was no second copy.

I do look forward to going over them. I think we should be noting several things as we go:

Those that should not have been declassified;
Those that were never properly classified;
Those that were being declassified while they were denying them to me as "investigative files";
Those that had been published;
Those other copies of which had not been classified to begin with.

This kind of thing can be very effective in court, as with your use in the reply brief in the spectro suit.

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