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Dear Jim,

I've just scanned the envelope you gave me yesterday. Some looks very interesting and I'll read with care, which I'm too tired to do now. However, I note that of the missing Ray stuff, there are none of the charts.

I hope Levine sent Leonard a stat of his correspondence, for there has been another and fascinating Kaplin development that another friend it to have sent Leonard today, again with a note saying at my request. It seems like he has just done an "impartial" study of the Angela Davis case for - the USIA!

The interpretation of a mature and experienced friend is that is is only superficially "impartial", that its bias is almost as transparent as with me.

This is also a reading on reaction to that case abroad. All the ordinaries in the black countries believe she is a heroine, and are all for what she is alleged to have done, regretting only that it failed. So, USIA is addressing others, which indicates that nobody believes the official tale.

I'll go over the other stuff when I'm more alert.

Confidentially, I have heard further about that of which Sprague got so up tight. It was arranged for this to happen, arranged for this to be fed him, his reaction being quite predictable. But further information, which I will not now transmit this way, leads me to believe that this situation is quite dangerous. But, alas, there is no way of latching his jaw, so just hold tight and hope that what is is possible doesn't come to pass. I'm trying, but I hold forth no hope.

This is beginning to assume the proportions of a trap, with what it is intended to to frustrate not immediately apparent, not even to my source.

It is too bad we have so many egos, the extent of egocentricity varying directly with ignorance of the fact and political immaturity.

One of the things that wearies me so is what I must attempt on this alone. I was exhausted after doing what I had to today.

Hurriedly,