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Dear Dahnis,

Carol Deck having no phone number in the book and none on her letterhead, which I checked as soon as you called, I decided that this morning I would write her at her Frederick address and tell her that if she did not deliver all she has immediately I would take her to court. When I got the file out to get her new address I saw that she had given me a number at which I could leave a message. At first I decided that might be a friend and then I decided to take a chance on waking an innocent friend up on the chance that it is her phone and she had her ~~won~~ reasons for not telling me. I did wake her up. She said she had it all in a box ready to mail ~~me~~ and I said, fine, I'll come in right now and get it. She then said that she had to make the diskette and would do that when she had to go to work tomorrow. I asked when she'd be home, she said by five and I said, fine, I'll come in and get it but suppose you are late or delayed? When she said nothing I said I'd see if I could find a place <sup>for her to leave it</sup> and would call her back promptly. She then said that if she is not back in time for me to get it she'll leave it for me at the Hood library.

So, it seems that she lied again in saying that she had it all in a box ready to mail because she has not duplicated the diskette.

But it also seems that I should be able to mail you the diskette on Tuesday.

And then I'll know what to begin with because she is to return to me the printed-out pages with the corrections she was to have made a half year or more ago.

That should give me the last page on the diskette.

On the chance that this time she will keep her word I'm not copying and sending you what I was going to jump ahead to. I'll discuss this with Lil but I am inclined to think that instead when and as we can we'll copy all the rest and send it.

The truth is that she has delayed this well over a year although when she graduated a year ago this past May she asked me not to get someone else because she needed the work until she got a job. When she got the job she said she still needed the work, I suppose because of debt. But in all that time she did not do very much and I did have another student who wanted that work.

It is not possible not to suspect there may be some unseen influence in this very strange behavior. All she has had to do since this past May was bring what she has to me, taking about 15 minutes. Or on the 21st, when she had my letter, make the diskette and send it to you.

Best to you both,

*Harold*