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Dear Gary,

It's too close to bedtime and I'm not in the mood to write about the MMPI and what it suggests to me, so I'm catching up on some other letters. Meanwhile, this thought occurred to me while taking Lil to do the grocery shopping this afternoon: With what you now known about Lifton, about whom for the longest time no one but me thought it and so many still refuse to see it, can you understand why I suggested to you and Paul keeping the Davison stuff close, giving it from now on to only those with a real "need to know"? Can you understand its potential if Paul has given it to him? In more than one way? Need I run through the others not Liftons, like Turner and Fred and Jaffe, to name just a few? In some sensitive areas it is just foolhardy to run any risk at all, for there right now is little chance of putting anything to constructive use. And so very few capable of it.

You mentioned nothing about Paul R. Did you get to see or speak to him?

Through a foreign correspondent, I'm supposed to be duplicating the Jasper thing with one whose boss is a bit better known and more important. I doubt if it can or will happen until after Haynesworth. Meanwhile, I suggest you read this and the administration's position on it as a dependable political forecast. What Clark Mollenhoff is now doing is just unheard of (he is rumored a possible successor to JEHoover). That, too, you should read in a political context. White House spokesmen just do not go out and battle with the few "liberals" in the press, as he is doing here and on the nets. He made serious accusations against Birch Bayh tonight, also unheard of, and in a way that suggests he is using FBI files, the mere existence of which is highly improper if not illegal. And Jerry Ford trying to blackmail the "liberal" Senators, with his bare face hanging out. And the DJ position they would not permit a march, super-Daleyism...I'll not get much work done tomorrow because the Wash Post reporter who covered the King trial is spending the day here, beginning 9 a.m...Bud is due back the end of next week. Probably see him the week following. If he has the Penkovsky book, I'll read and send to you. I got him some introductions that may have opened some newspaper files, i there was time...The local prof was sick. If better, I'll be seeing him after the march. He leads it locally...Lil will now start cording the index of COUP add, as she has COUp, when we'll have an index to all of it ...Will you be getting home for any holiday?Roffman's trip here took four hours, including layover, all reading time. Best,