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Gary,

Apologies for the poorer than usual carbon enclosed, of the letter to Nichols, of the San Diego committe e (an unpleasant, particular now, but a necessary chore, for they haven't sent me a cent in a year toward what they owe from my trip out there a year ago last week). Lil uses the carbon-paper when it is new. They I inherit it. It got ahead of my use when I had the built-in carbons from a box of paper with attached tissues that I had been given. In that time it dried out. As I use it, I discard what is too poor. But until I use it (and sometimes I forget to check) I do not know if it is, by our present standards, ready for discard.

Nich is a nice guy (as are all those who owe me money).

Sometime durin the night, after I was deep in sleep, Wagner phoned again. He was even less coherent than usual, he said he had been in the mental hospital for a month. It was gibberish save for one thing: he read phone bills to me. He appears to have spoken to Bolden personally. He read the number off the bill to me.

I hesitate to get in touch with Bolden now, under these auspices, for he cannot but know how very sick poor Wagner is, whether or not a friend. But it seems to confirm that Bolden is out, which may make sense of his silence and that os his wife. Again, is this reason for not making an approach at this particular time? I do not know, so I'M doing nothing for the moment. No objection if you feel otherwise.

One other thing that is likely without significence in the question you raise in the letter I got yesterday, about Dave: Paul writes less than he has. This can readily be accounted for by other things, the daily exigencies of his life and career. No matter how wrong what Dave told you is, it nonetheless reflects a) knowledge that we were getting some transcripts and that I am the one who arranged it and b) is close to two things: Paul's reproduction and mailing of the first batch and Moo's promise of the rest to me. I do not pretend to know the answer or his source, but inclreasingly it looks to me like someone outside our group may be. Remember that torrent on what I'd sent Nichols? John claimed not to have been in touch with Dave, and what Dave said is opposite what John wrote me? Of course, this could be the interpretation whoever Dave got this from out on it. I sent the draft of that affidavit to two people only. You are one, Paul the other. It is also possible that Dave provided his own interpretation, having seen or been told of the contents. My concern here is not personal. I think it becomes more and more important that we learn this breach of security, for he cannot possibly be up to good.

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