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G & P,

Bud came several hours late yesterday, so he was not able to finish reading my "archives" file. He got only through 1968. He took the rest with him and hopes to read it before I get to DC again. Depending on things I cannot control in advance, it will be Wednesday or Friday, Thursday if I can make certain arrangements. Thus we were not able to reach any decision(s) on what we will or will not, can or cannot, include in that proceeding.

However, in the course of going over these files, one very bad oversight on my part became apparent to me: I got fooled by one of their evasive phrases. The original notes I am not getting, about which I wrote you, were placed there two years ago as a consequence of the pressures I was then exerting for material on the general subject. I had then my own pressures on POST MORTEM, which I was writing, and O In N.O., then overdue, and read one particular letter in too-much haste. - missed the ellipsis. It feels terrible to have succeeded in something two years ago and not to have recognized it!

When it becomes daylight, if the machine is working well enough, I will make copies of the documents I ordered. Xerox was very good. They arrived yesterday. I have merely glanced at them and will read them carefully when I get to what I got each for. They are pretty unclear. If the machine does not do them well enough in its sorry condition, I'll send them to Paul for him to copy. He will recognize one of them as relating to other internal correspondence of which he has just sent me a copy. If, in reading them, any of you get any special ideas, please let me know. If you have any comments after reading the SS papers on the transfer of the originals, I would welcome them also. It should be obvious, for example, that it was not necessary to make out receipts giving lengthy, deceptive and false explanations. Because the "box" is indicated, when I go to the Arch this coming week, I'll ask for the entire box. I was never shown the original typed copy of the auto. they then got, merely given a xerox of it. I think I'll examine that also. However, our finances are such that I will not make the trip unless Bud is ready to and has time for consideration of the next legal step. Among other things, he wants to see the originals also, to see if he can discovery how what should appear in the xerox copies does not. ..And he is to leave for England for two weeksbeginning 11/1 (anything either of you wants done there.).

He did not hear from Ballard, Paul. I have asked him to check. If he doesn't I will when I am there. This is strange, unless the old man is sick, etc.

My other visitor arrived while Bud was still here, making for a little confusion, enough for me to forget to show him your Davison/Penkovsky memo. I will ask him if he can get what his paper, the London Times, printed on this...Gary, when you can, will you please check your man and find out what it will cost to print from 35mm color ~~xx~~ positives? I presume this will begin with making a negative. If he cannot do the color work himself, it will be too costly. However, perhaps he can make adequate black-and-white prints which will show the same things. I will want to keep this very close. You two and Bud are the only ones who know. I regard this as one of the real possibilities, a great lead, and do not want others to understand what I think I have in it, at least until after I have done all I can. I will also seek to learn what else was then (so late) transferred and will get copies and let you know. I'll also examine the copy sent the GPO. Best regards,