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Dear Gary,

Lil and I have just had out customary before-lunch swim, I had an hour-long sunbath (both sides) before that, because I'm baking a few aches, and I've taken all the time away from work I want to until I go into town to mail letters.

In haste I forward Chris Longbottom's latest letter, with the enclosed longhand of his letter tothe medifinks. I had written to him telling him you'd reply to that few which I could not now find time. After you finish you can return this, and the earlier, for I'll need them for future responses, I expect. No rush. I didn't take time to read all of his mediletter because his tight script is too hard on my eyes and I was enjoying what I was doing (to Foreman) too much -and I've got to finish with it.

Suggest you put him and your Masterman in touch, cautioning each not unquestioningly to take the other. Unless you disagree. Do I recall the name correctly?

His letter shows rather good grasp. I'll have to get bud to send him a copy of the panel report. Or, when you write him, tell him if he doesn't have it we'll send. Another switch: tell him I'm having sent. And please explain for me that I am really deep in correcting a long ms. It is long, too, for Lil says that at the present rate it will run 300 or more finished, legal-size pages, single spaced. With appendix, if it can ever get published, this ms may well run 650-700 pages! This makes it larger than Shirer's Rise and Fall, etc. Wow! I hope the ration of rough to finished pages changes. That's too much.

Jerry Policoff is sending me a copy of Penthouse if you haven't already made the copy. Save you the cost.

I think it is important I have the best of the N.O. testimony accessible as soon as possible in case the agency can book me. They may offer me as a fill-in, when someone can't keep a date. This way I'll be able to handle what happened there without difficulty. Paul H has returned the excerpts from Finck, which is enough on him for this purpose. I have Frazier. John has agrred to my proposal and when he can he'll send all his transcripts to PH for copying for all of us.

To begin with, Bud is filing suit for the memo of transfer and the evidence offered in court in England for Ray's extradition. I'm not pressing him, but I've told him this is inadequate, that there are other things related to the memmo. But I'm leaving it up to him to begin with. The misfortunate is that he has to make mistakes first. He doesn't readily learn without them. Sometimes, as with Turner, he does not.

Schoenmann was due here this weekend nut I've not heard from him.

Matt has been on my mind. Wrote him this a.m. He has known that Jim has new plans and has not informed. I have a friend who was with them when he overheard, not knowing Jim's promise. Matt does. I did not mention this.

Best,