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Dear Paul, and Gary,

Spent last night and early this morning with Mary Farrell and Arch Kimbrough and I am impressed with their sincerity and honesty of intent. I hope and believe we can cooperate with them easily and believe their political beliefs need and will be no problem. They certainly were not last night.

They are spending today at the Archives, where they have been for several days, and they have already ordered some things. Their orders are still filled promptly. They have a rather large order yet to be filled. I have suggested to them that because they are going to prepare a consolidated list, they send us copies first because they may well want some things we already have. Some I know we have and have offered them.

Mary told me Fred had sent Paul her address (because she'll be writing me I didn't get it). I encourage you to look her up and she expects it. Although they work closely with Sue Fitch, they also regard her as "extreme", I believe the word Mary used. You should get along well with these people. I am satisfied you will have access to what they have and they may well have some things we do not. In your own interests, as deM, Arch has much more than I knowof. They regard the possibilities of his connections as including red.

Bud arranged a nice dinner at his home for us. He also apparently made clear that some of my material I intend to use personally and do not want used by others first. Either that ot they assumed that this would be the case with a writer. Anyway, they or rather she indicated such an understanding when we we talking. I invited Mary to come here and see what I had that she wants. They intend no writing and the Sue Fitch Earl Lively project apparently is dead.

They believe as does Paul there should be a consolidated list of what various researchers have and they will, on my suggestion, be in touch with him on this. They have a two-part card file, by name and chronological, of about 10,000 listings.

Also spent several hours with Bob and Trudy Cestorr, mostly social. Should Joanna phone her, Trudy will endorse you as my friend and therefore trustworthy. Unless there has been a large change, her husband will know little of nothing. Bob will have a little more freedom now because yesterday was his last day of work at the NEIB. He will be looking for a new job, I am confident, but possibly there will also be coming up here. There are some of the Dallas documents that may deal with people they may know or about whom they may know. Trudy was not close to Sykvia. She does not know the women who sat at the hospital with her.

Medical examination yesterday confirmed my own, exhaustion. Treatment is also my own, take it easy. This I began by getting in bed 3:30 a.m.! But I felt pretty good on the drive home and so far today, did get 6 hrs sleep, etc.

Today's mail has Don's 7/9 letter and copy of his paper, and your mailing with CD1330 included at top sheef. Please thank him and same to you. I'll go over them soon. Presently I'll be taking Lil shopping and will mail this. I still do not know when you are leaving or plan to. If you think you can improve the arrangements Paul is making for you, who not speak to Mary about it? I have given her a breif rundown on the three of you and your circumstances....Bud says he is not described by the comments about a visitor in Vince's note you quoted to me. Best to you both,