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Dear Gary,

Hal called me last night to apologize for not writing. He still has not replaced the stolen typewriter but for a while did have a borrowed one. This is why he hasn't written you, too, because it is too laborious in longhand. I would find it that way.

He may be coming east before too long because his father is ill.

We talked longer than he can afford. While he says he has not told Dave anything and acknowledges Dave is always dropping nastiness about me, he also says he may have been indescreet. He didn't understand what I had specific reference to but says it will not happen again.

Dave had pulled the Reseda stuff on him some time ago. I know he made a mailing of it, xeroxed, before last October, when I saw it while with George Abbott. He says he knows Liebeler would never agree to appear with an organized format hence feels that Dave could have been acting only in L's interest.

He says they do not now trust T.

Fred, he says, has a tape-recorded interview with Kolby he will send. That would interest anyone interested in serious prosecution under violation of the neutrality laws. If this is true, I do not believe it is recent and I can only wonder why Fred made it if he didn't use it, didn't tell anyone.

While I believe him, some of it still troubles me. For example. he knew the charges I was stealing were false and knew some of it was my own material (he did not know I had given some of it to Fred). Your reaction to this is the natural one, not his. But, you are different people.

And there were other things. I do not think he will consciously do the same thing again and I do believe he will be more conscious of security and will not be making pointless disclosures of any material.

But, I remain troubled that he could have done it to begin with.

It was a friendly call, both ways. He says the new Village Square is out with a series of nasty cartoons. Have you noticed that some of thecampus vigilante activity has been by those calling themselves "squares"? I take this to mean that Butler has gather a few of the radical right, YAF-types.

I'm making fair progress on the Coup addition. It is now in itself book-length and far from done. Thatbwill be an enormous book. I am always too close to make a really dispassionate judgement, but I have the feeling that without even getting into the evidence (save of either two Rays abroad or official British and US lying), no one can read to this point and have any faith in anyone involved or anything said. To this point I've taken it chronologically, first writing an introduction explaining the problem of writing a book about unfolding events, picking up with Ray in England, then, in the process handling Blair, Guie, Hanes, Canale and Foreman, where I now am, tell the story. I'm to the hearing at which Foreman got a delay 11/12/68. One thing that emerges clearly that I hadn't seen before is the effort of the Klan to help the defense. It was specific from Foreman, inherent in Hanes' initial public statement. I suggest to you as I have not in the writing that to another any Klan-like group would seem like the Klan. They were willing to pay Foreman and offered to. It also becomes clear that my suspicions about the Ray brothers are valid, whether or not they figure in it. Best,