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GRS, Hasty thanks for enclosure with letter on changed schedule. We are sorry and glad, sorry because of delay and glad because of longer visit....I've written Ned, including about a little help on getting some new evidence, new in the sense that I've just seen it. HR is here going over draft final part PM. Under handicaps, too, for I've had time to read only about 20% of it, so he's now using an uncorrected carbon...Your friends describe the key to Bethell perfectly, passionless. Add lazy, dirty, selfish, self-centered and in this area of admirable incompetence hard to equal. Even where he worked. He also had to have had a deal. Did they mention it? For counsel (Brener's office was the best Wegmann/Dymond could do)...Car: watch for students leaving, entering service, etc. ...Return books: Lil wasn't well this a.m., is working this week to help a lawyer friend while his sec. is on vacation. Be sure to insure for full value and wrap well enough to justify insuring. When she can, she'll tell you what you owe.

I guess that considering everything our spirits are good but living as we do, they can't be very good and are not. When I consider what I have just done and the improbability of publication and the impossibility of doing it as my own publication, it is depressing. Meanwhile, our financial affairs deteriorate, too.

Being gypped by the publisher, who did nothing, is not pleasant, either.

So, I guess on balance we are fine.

Best,