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Dear Gary,

It was not until after I'd written the enclosed note to Paul after finding the unfilled exchanges that I suddenly realized that he has never given me direct answer to my repeated requests for that stuff he got at the Archives, which we mentioned generally when he was here, for about five months and maybe more. I have asked him the cost, etc., and told him several times that the listing in itself had little value or significance.

This does not seem like him, not at all. Nor did he take the time, when here or later, to tell me anything meaningful of what he found. In 800 pages, surely something was of sufficient significance for comment. The one thing he did tell me he later chickened out on. He got, apparently by accident, an exchange between the Secret Service and the Archives about me. He had it copied on the spot and then, when Johnson learned about it, returned it when he was asked to. He then said he felt he had to, which I can understand. However, for use in court, I asked for an affidavit, in the event I needed it. He never supplied it. I asked him to give me all the details in it. He wrote, instead, what may be a faithful representation of what he told me but, when I read it, seemed considerably weaker. It is in form that I can't use in court if I want to, and those papers are immune.

This combination, coming to mind, does make me wonder.

However, I have asked him to copy all of them and I have said I'd pay. I'll be interested in his response. And how long it takes.

Best,