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Dear Gary,

Lil was delayed at work, so we got home with only a short period before supper. I use it to again ask you about Ned, for his conduct is strange. I know to some people some of the things I do may also seem strange. But I raise the question again.

As you know, because I wrote you immediately, he phoned me about the 4th or 5th. He apologized for not sending me the money for the limited editions, said he was sending me a check immediately, adding a gift to it and making the check for $100.00. As od today, it hasn't arrived.

He also said he'd pay for a set of the declassified documents, which I estimated could run to $200-$250. This enables me to place the date by checking when I saw Bud, which was the 5th, and his call was prior to that. I told Bud I'll be able to pay for the copying based on his promise, and the order is in.

More-worse if he doesn't keep his word - there seemed to be a possibility that someone in California, who almost paid for the publishing of Part I of COUP in 1968 might provide the funds. Before Ned phoned I sent word to Hal (he has moved and I do not have his new address), who had spoken to this man, asking him to make the pitch. Then I sent word to Hal not to.

I know people forget and delay, that the mail is sometimes slow, that some mail (but very little) is lost, etc. But when I add to this his statement that he'd be coming back in January, which is now half gone, and repeated this by phone, and I haven8t heard from him on that either, I guess a little of the repressed paranoia may be surfacing.

If I didn't write you about it, I had a long call from Sylvia the other night, after she got the letter I thought she might not take too well, acknowldging almost everything I suggested, which made me wonder, stubborn as she can be. On Paul she retreated slightly, saying he might not be a real sell-out, not conscious of it, but insisted on what I can't dispute, that whether it is conscious or unconscious, the effect is the same. Paul, by the way, tells me the melonry is now quiescent, that nothing is being done on it. If that turns out to be false, I'll be without question....

She also quoted Sprague as saying he had met Paul in Washingon in August and that Paul was all for the Warren Report, min effect, at that time. I do not remember when he was here, but I thought it earlier. And how Sprague would interpret any agreement is to be considered, too.

Otherwise, nothing is new that I haven't told you.

What's with you?

And what's with that Nix print?

Sincerely,