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Dear Js, I'm always worried about overloading you with things to read in which you may not be as interested as I may think, even on the assassinations, and I do need the criticisms of maturity, usually unavailable. I did not intend sending you a copy of this hasty further letter on the unpleasantness to Howard, but for the disclosures of the unintended admissions of these arrogant learned fools yearning for importance about what they did, how they did it, even what was in their minds, I think someone out there should know, aside from the possibility of your own interest now and if the possible venturates. Hoch is the only one still in it and his immature and anti-political view is the Halliburtonish the whole thing is crazy because we should do everything, even self-destruct. There may be little chance he will talk to you, and Hal is out of it (no response to my long-ago last), but with developments this may change, and the intensity of desire to do something may again lead to the doing of the wrong. So, after you read this, please return for my JP file. I've so marked it so I'll know when I get it back (no rush).

Except for Hoch, who is in his mid-20s and as strange in some of his unthinking attitudes as he is brilliant in most, Howard is the entire second wave as of today, so responsibility to the future also requires of me that I do what I can to "educate" him, to introduce him to things he is too young to see for himself if from his quiet character he ever would, such as preventing duplication in the future, immobilizing those who must be if we are not to be utterly ruined and all the work with it insofar as it can do anything now and be credited after we are dead, in generations to come.

The interesting thing he has not observed for himself is that his only information and reaction came in response to the kind of letter he objects to when I write them, for which there is sometimes the need, if perhaps less than I think from my record on them. The realities are too often like the story of the 2x4 to the head of the jackass, you have to get attention or people don't think.

Vyril has tentatively set 8/9 as the first of two days at the Archives and if I didn't carbon you or tell you otherwise, he expect to spend at least all of the second on other material than he is getting to see under the contract. I see this, in translation, as the intended theft of my work to appear over his signature in some medical journal. If he is for the first time after all these years going to look at other things there, need any comment be made on the seriousness of his purposes of the past, the basis for any work or conclusions outside what ignorance of the fact but knowledge in his field would permit? A proper record alone of the contracted materials can't be made in 8 hours, if he considers that a day (they'll take time for lunch if he doesn't). One could spend almost that much in just a film inventory that would have meaning, if not in notes on what each shows (and of those acknowledged to exist, study alone would give but six minutes per film in a full day). Do you get another dimension on what I'm trying to contend with? I'll have to add this to the letter to MR.