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Dear Jim,

Originally I had intended sending this letter to me about Paul. However, after typing my rather lengthy response, I decided to include both. There is little or nothing in the response that will be new to Hal, but I thought he and you should see the new facet on Paul. And, perhaps the response's insight into what goes on and has gone on inside the critical community will inform as well as it may you.

I'd appreciate the return of both after Hal sees them. No rush. I've marked the file in which I want to keep them.

A fair proportion of the stuff recently declassified (I've seen but little) had been published before it was withheld. The Ferris material is significant, to me, as apparently it wasn't to Paul, who was silent about it after they sent it to him. Significantly, I think, they sent him and me the same things and withheld what they should have included from both. I now have it, my profound faith in the government's special integrity having been exactly right, enabling zeroing in without even perfunctory checking!

Please tell Hal not to try and promote funds with which to purchase copies from "Property Owner". I have arranged them.

If I didn't send you and Hal copies, whereas as soon as I learned of the declassification and saw it included what cannot be justified, I wrote cautions to everyone I thought I should, Paul, agonizing all the time about these pages falling into the wrong hands, did everything he could to assure it! Which helps convince me he is not some kind of agent and fortifies my belief something has happened to his mind. I wrote before Xmas. Paul has not responded.

Jennifer, Lill is enjoying that outfit very much. She wore it out Sunday night, when we went to a friend's ~~for~~ dinner. The friend was envious. Lill can use every teensy-weensy bit of spirit-lifting she can get.

Skolnick's latest is the accusation that the CIA is using the ACLU as a front in Chicago and the ACLU is willing! That O'Brien is a CIA agent now! A friend was in Chicago and heard his broadcast saying this. It is expected the reporters there will ferret out the list of those spied upon.

Please don't worry about unnecessary response. Best,