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Dear Dave,

It is some time since I've heard from you. I have a general idea of what is going on out there and presume you have been influenced by the irresponsibles and their vilifications. If this is the case, it is entirely your affair.

Some time ago I wrote you and another young man, both of whom had been helpful to me, saying I intended using what you had supplied and asking if you objected to being credited in the book.

With those older adults, publicly associated with work on the case, there need be no doubt. But with young men who have no public association, there is always the question, can they be hurt by it? Can their future careers suffer?

Please think it over and let me know. Perhaps you should discuss it with your parents.

Eventually you will learn with what the leads you supplied me on the CCFC and LAR fit. I think it will interest you and that it does have significance.

As we get older and have more experience in life and with people, we are more inclined to ask ourselves, when we hear evil spoken of others, especially when they are not there to refute it, whether those saying such things might have some special motivation. When we are younger we tend to accept the opinions of those who are older and who we think we have reason to trust. When these things are done by those professing adherence to our side, even by those with a previous record of such divisiveness, I generally ignore it. To do otherwise creates even more disunity and requires time that I, at least, can use for constructive purposes. However, such things usually reach me. I am aware of what several people are saying about me and my work. If it makes any difference to you, every allegation that has reached me is false, distorted, manufactured or a combination. In each case I think I also understand what bugs those ~~things~~ doing this.

Thanks for your help. It has been worthwhile. Let me know your preference on credit.

Sincerely,
Harold Weisberg