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Deer Dr. Phoeds.

I have weited a wack, perhaps a short time as you seem to regard our correspondence, in the hope you would complete the first paragraph of your letter of the 16th. Aside from my desire that you complete it, as it stends it leaves end inadequate record that some suspicious coul night, in the future, regard as deseptive. Beither of as would went that, would ver

From this one-sentunce puregraph, it would seem that yours is a spontensous action in maction to enother opentaneous action by the Secret Service. And we both know this slee is not the case, do we not?

The Secret Service sent thems item to you for me, at my request. They accompanied these pages with a covering letter. It has been the practice to forward the covering letter. In this case you did not. I would like a copy, please, seeing no reason (from my point of view) for its omission.

Although your letter does not so indicate, the pages you sent are not all those the Secret Service gave you to give me. I would appreciate the other pages, suich have been released to me. A month and a half has now passed since these were given to you to give to me. This should be all the self-indulgence moded to gratify whatever it is that is gratified of the the unsading into research.

You have not yet provided the print on negative of the picture duplicating mine that you took of the base of CE 309 for Dr. Nichola. Here the foley is inordinate, which is saying scanting! Nor has there been the slightest response to the long letter, the consequence of considerable work on my pert, at your suggestion, that you could regard as an appeal and forward through chancels. The intent of the law is that citizens asking information of their government receive it or as seers promptly. Repecially in view of the fact that the recent the letters in a number of cases eaked that they be forwarded as appeals if you declined my request/sees it seem that there has been adequate time for response. May I please have it?

As things now stand, it spreams that it would be an effectively and an economy if you were to send me several down of the forms relatived by your agency under the so-called "Freedom of information" leveral a few sets of instructions and explanations.

Sincer sly.

Marold siabers

Paul, Gary, Howard, Dick and no one else, please,

I expect to show Paul the subject matter of the enclosed letter to Rhoeds because I look forward to seeing him soon. I am not now distributing copies for a new of reasons, only one of which is the delicacy of several situations. If the contents were essential to the work any of you is engaged upon, I would find a way of communicating it. It relates to my own past work and, to the best of my recollection, noone else has done any work on or with it. It is seemthing I have been repeatedly assured does not exist. It can, by itself, have very considerable value. I think it does. However, as I think most of you understand, there are many things I seek, many things I plan, some I believe i either know or understand, and I thus regard the enclosures as a beginning rather than as an end. I want nothing to interfeer with what can follow, what I want to follow, and what I think, if this and I can be let alone, will follow.

In the letter I avoid letting Phoads know what I know of what he has withheld from me. There are many good reasons for this. One, it represents so mething entirely new in suppression, something I think is entirely untenable, and since, with a rather considerable investment in time, I have, with his stupid collaboration, brought about a situation he will find entirely untenable and completely indefensible save in one way. So far as I am concerned, he can save that for court, where I have every intent of giving him the chance of expressing it. If he does, we may sharemaxfewxmomentsxofzestimization find some satisfaction and some progress made, including in public understanding. If he does not, I think it not impossible he will face a set of decidedly uncongenial problems. You realize this is something the Secret Service has given him for me. If it ever was muclassified, they declassified it. If it is now classified, only Rhoads could have done this, and his authority is in neither law nor regulation. I know GSA is in on this, and suspect the notion was not theirs. You should not need too many guesses, nor should you have to wonder much about how anyone besides Phoads knew he had it. It was not in the Federal Register, not on radio, TV or in the newspapers.

It is not that I am keeping this secret from you. I do want to reserve it for my own first use, but I will sahre it, if it interests any of you, It is, rether, that I do not went to add to the more than adequate number of existing complications with any needless risk. Believe me, in terms of knowledge, it adds nothing to what I have already published and each of you has. This is not its value and significance.

There is also the possibility this action may make the Secret Service a bit uncomfortable. In time, I think I'll know. If this turns out to be the case, It will not be against the interest of truth and its ul timate establishment.

When I can replenish my supply of paper, there can be copies of the Rhoeds letter for you. I have already sent you copies of that part to which I'd earlier responded. I did wait a week to answer the beginning.

The unsubtle request for copies of the Freedom of Information forms are not an idle threat. I've appealed, for Phoads wrote me he'd forward my letter through channels. If I do not have response within reasonable time, which means unless I have what I've asked for or have it rejected, I can then proceed to decide what to file for. Bud has just completed the extra brief that kept him busy. I'll be seeing him with this Mondey and we can decide whether the administrative remedies part is satisfied. If not, we will proceed with that, When we told Justice we'd give them no more time on the King-Ray matter, they know we are ready and anxious. When they asked for more time, we know they do not want this in court. I think everyone will read this pretty clearly. I'll keep you poster, probably. Hw