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Afterthought:

Because there is the possibility I will be facing Sk in court, and if I do I'll be all alone and separated from any sources, I think it desirable that I know what kinds of goodies and opinions Sprague has been feeding him. I presume you do not have copies of the correspondence, but you seem to indicate a correspondence with Sprague in which he indicates some of what he has said and sent. As a matter of fact, because there is no telling what the irresponsible Skolnick will do in court, even what he has been sent would be good to know.

He is, as you seem to understand, unconstrained by scruples of any kind. It therefore behooves us to be prepared for any contingency. It would be a serious error to underestimate either his intelligence or his skill at dishonesty.

If anything you send should be held in confidence, please so indicate on it, so I can not err by accident.

It would also be better if this were to itself, not part of a letter dealing with other things also.

Sprague's attitudes and beliefs are hard to explain or even understand, especially because he has scientific training, has held responsible positions, and speaks softly. --e is, however, unorthodox and opinionated to be won. It is hard to master the suggestion of any kind of conspiracy. And there are no reliable ones to him. There is no such thing as disproof. If Garrison ever holds a notion that is all Sprague needs for irrefutable proof. He will contend to what even Garrison abandoned. Like nicks.

In short, aside from self-protection, which means protection of all of serious intent and responsible bent, I will have to be prepared to resist any diversions by Skolnick designed to get him further publicity detrimental to truth, serious work, and any possibility of accomplishment.

And he is much less concerned about realities than even Sprague, so you can anticipate what might emerge from embroidery of the fantastic and nutty.