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Dear Steve,

Gary Schoener, who has been a friend of Vince and has become mine—and who has, from very early, done fine work—is concerned because he has had no acknowledgement of receipt of his letter. He has been the victim of considerable mail intrusions, etc., and cannot afford to use the phone. Please let him know, whenever your own heavy commitments permit, whether or not you did get his mailing. If you have not gotten it, his address is Box 392, Mayo Hospital, Dept. Psych. & Neuro., Medical School, Univ. of Minn., Minneapolis, Minn. 55455.

A registered mailing from Sherman Oaks is at the P.O. for me. I'll get it today. I presume it is the transcripts. Right now I'll have to postpone reading it if it is because I've a dozen hours of new tapes to transcribe, with potentially the most exciting content yet, and I'm analyzing completely new material I have just gotten. Daily, I get further behind in the schedule I had laid out for myself, but I cannot abandon this new material or the several new avenues I have undertaken for Jim. He is due here 5/3. If these are the transcripts of my interview, although I will suffer from the silence of those who subsequently saw the yellowed loudmouth, I'll have gone over them before he gets here. When you speak to Fred or Marlynn, please let them know this has arrived and save me the letter.

Soon, also, you will be hearing from Joel Palmer. While he is new among us, he is imaginative, has come up with some interesting leads, and may be able to help Fred because he is, among other things, a photographer.

As usual, I have no immediate plans for returning to New Orleans. As usual, I may go there at any moment. One of the situations is of an emergency nature. Aside from it, none will impel me to leave until after 5/3. However, because of the nature of the work I have been doing, because I have been able to do what others would not or cannot, I do anticipate returning. They have been asking me to move there for several months. I've demurred and prefer not to. I tell you these things so that you out there may be encouraged to keep me less in total darkness about those things on which I have been or may be working. With the loudmouth and those he names, this can be very bad, for I have connections others do not and I should be using them on these leads, while it is possible. I have my own clues of more difficult days ahead for some.

Hurriedly,