

11/9/71

Dear Gary,

I have just received the enclosed letter from Ned. Because it is in longhand and for other reasons I think should be obvious, I feel he has not supplied you with a copy. As I told you recently, this whole mess has already wasted too much time and I feel there is nothing you need feel either say or apologize for. However, there is a question raised of the faithfulness of my representation to you. I address that alone, leaving it to you to decide for yourself (and I needn't know and don't care and don't want to waste more time on this) if it is a faithful reflection of whatever you said.

On the xeroxing he says I didn't ask him for it. I told you I did in writing and reminded him when he was here. I'm sorry his blue pen didn't come out well, so I'll type that part: "I know, of course, that I said I would pay for the xeroxing. I had expected that you would send me a note asking for the amount."

Now first of all, this is false. He said he'd send me a check when he got home. He had the typed version and can do simple arithmetic. Second of all, why should I have to write and ask for it. Why should I always have to be reminded of my poverty and the reasons for it? Now on the question did I, I remind you of the note I sent both of you dated 10/12, and so you won't have to go digging through files, I've made a copy of that for you. You'll note the p.s. dated 10/13 which reports to the penny the actual cost, \$54.78. Please notice also the marked part of the second paragraph referring to other efforts to get the xeroxing done in what might have been a cheaper cost.

I'm not sending copies of these to others, but I am sending a carbon of this letter to HR and JP. Jerry phoned me last night. I think it no exaggeration to describe his opinion of Ned's latest proposal of 11/2, I think, one you would prefer not to have offered on anything you ever wrote anyone. He had Howard appear to have discussed it earlier. Jerry also had and had begun to read one of my letters to this, I think the one I wrote Ned in response. He had not then finished it, but could get the WATS, so he used it. I wrote you a brief note on a scrap of paper last night, keeping no carbon because I don't want to make a deal of this. However both were I think fairly well shaken by the content and effrontery of Ned's schid proposals, on which you also need make no comment. I think Jerry used the word "arrogant".

What he says of the checks is correct insofar as it goes. I had told you of these things. One included payment for all my xeroxed editions and was not really a "contribution". One was to pay for two sets of the 1970 declassified docs, which he offered to do and your own arithmetic is enough to tell you it fell far short. I paid the rest without asking, but I remain with some faith in his capacity for simple arithmetic and a strong impression of his own reflection of what he describes as an exceptional intelligence. The other, also volunteered, was to make possible getting certain pictures, including very expensive color. Without it I'd not have gotten the color, of course. And that is the amount of my estimate. It is by no means an accusation against him, but the fact is that I'll have to be adding a bit to this when the job is done because what was done was not usable, the originals are that bad, and I have made arrangements for exposing film I'll buy and then I'll get it developed, processed and printed. Of course I welcome any help in getting any evidence. Joint project or not. What help this is falls far short of equalling the considerable time Ned wasted for me, and that can't be returned or paid for, and it is something less than a big deal. I've spent that much, broke as I am, making copies of my work for others, as you should well remember from the flood I used to send you. We have all been that way, but to none of us without means was this ever any kind of deal that Ned apparently thinks it is.

I'm not answering his letter. Were my circumstances other than they are, believe me, I'd return the check. He says he'll write more later. Unless there is something that I think requires response. I'll not make it. This is over, so far as I am concerned, and

11/6/71

Dear Harold,

I heard from Gary today that you feel I have not sent you money which I said I would. I know, of course, that I said I would pay for the Xeroxing. I had expected that you would send me a note asking for the amount. In this I was insensitive and regret not having paid you as soon as I knew what the cost of the xeroxing was.

On the other hand, ~~the~~ Gary reports that you feel my overall contribution to your work has been of a somewhat negligible amount. In going through my checkbook I find that I wrote checks for \$100 on Jan 8, \$100 on Feb 3, and \$200 on Aug 28. All of these were cashed. I felt that this covered the materials you were obtaining and would leave some over for other costs you might incur.

Enclosed is a check for \$100 to cover the cost of xeroxing and hopefully provide you with roughly \$40 remaining to cover other costs you may have. Should you feel my contribution to date is inadequate, please let me know.

Best regards,

P.S. more later, but I want to get this off now.

Ked