

12/24/71

Dear Gary,

The last mail before Mas has come and there is neither word from Ned nor return of my materials. I have written him about this several times. I know I did before I left on my recent trip, and I left 11/16. I believe as I wrote several times before I left.

Frankly, I don't know why I should have had to write once. Rightly or wrongly I feel I should not have, that his own interest if not principle should have dictated this.

More than enough oppresses me without having to keep this in mind, or be concerned about it in any way.

You have no obligation in this matter, but I do hope you will have the disposition and will find the time to see to it that all copies of everything are returned to me promptly. If you do no more than take possession and bring them when you come, I'd appreciate that.

At the very best this is a kind of harassment to which we should not be subject. At worst it raises questions about Ned's integrity and intentions.

I am aware that you seem to regard this entire affair other than as I do (she more strongly than I, as you can readily learn). But what is immediately involved is both my property and my work, and unless some tragedy you have not reported has befallen Ned, I can do no less than tell you again that this fills me with apprehension, an apprehension for which there is neither need nor excuse.

Please try and clean it up. Thanks,