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Dear Syd Stapleton,

You are right. Seeing the name reminds me of it, Asher ~~Barer~~.

As you go through the files, please also be alert to mention of the incidents, not only the names.

If I did not tell you the red-baiting effort was pretty well prepared.

As I remember it the arrangements for the meeting at which [^] spoke were made by Sylvia Weinstein, which may clue to a report without a name.

Ed Keating, then of Ramparts, warmed the audience up for me.

When we can we'll go over what we have and send you copies. I am about to leave on a trip to collect evidence for one of my suits. [^]t will be following my return.

Mr. Lamont has my Arnold Lewis Kessler file.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Thank you for your letter and your effort in getting the information from the National Archives. Unfortunately, the expense was more than I had anticipated, and I'm afraid that the present state of our finances make such an outlay impossible.

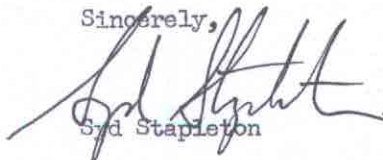
Thus, if there is anything you can send us from the material you have already obtained, we would be most appreciative.

As I mentioned before, I haven't seen any mention of you in the files we have obtained so far, but I'll keep my eyes open as we get material in the future.

I think the longshoreman you stayed with in San Francisco was probably Asher Harer. I know him well, and I think I recognize him from the description!

Thanks again.

Sincerely,



Syd Stapleton

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