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Dear Gary,

In writing you last I assumed that you would not consciously lie, as I still do, and took your comment about the list at face value. Thus I asked you for a copy of the covering letter, feeling this was another operation of the Archival branch of the Department of Misinformation, similar to others. I was more persuaded that you were honest because Jim Lesar had give me to understand that they had, independantly, obtained such a list. I asked him for a copy. When he came to do some ~~tips~~ Ray work two months late yesterday, he made a copy of the copy he had and brought it. Not until he made the copy did he realize the source: me! And do I have to tell you for how long they have all been supposed to be going over their files and removing everything Bud had promised in advance would never get into them as my original conditipn to a personal relationship with him? What makes this all the more totally unconscionable to me is that this is part of the legal file that should never have been in any CILS files under any circumstances. It is part of a disagreeably wasted two solid months of work and what for us was considerable cost duplicating for Bud all of our government correspondence at his request and as a need in suits he was to file and then, unilaterally, decided against doing. Now you know all his repeated breaches of confidence and the resultant misuse by so many zanies and the taking of the edge off my work by the crazy Sprague, who has now prepared the government to make a defense against proper use. I am sure you know that he has often promised to go through the files and return everything except what he needs for the single case he is handling, on the spectro. It has not been done. And then to find that he can't separate his responsibilities as a lawyer from his lust for his abortion? Sylvia has just written that I visualize a monster conspiracy against me. Were this the case, as you know it is not having done the testing yourself, what better evidence do I need?

However, the notes in my handwriting gave the clues I needed. I have checked this and it is apparent that the list you used you also got in confidence, with the covering letter to me dated 3/12/70. I have made a hasty check of our correspondence as of that period. If you want to, you will find your own statement to others that everything you got from me that related to POST MORTEM was in strictest confidence. As your "answer" to my complaint freely admits, you clearly understood that everything from me was to be held in confidence. Your defense of what is stupid in addition to all the other things of which in your unthinking way is beyond excuse on such a question when one is so far out of things and then "doesn't think and can't make a contextual decision, is that you merely duplicated my work from this list that you got independently. I will not repeat what I have said about this intellectual, moral and ethical futility of splitting the invisible hair. I merely ask you to give me an honest explanation of how you can justify it when you even got the list under the same agreed-to conditions and what in the hell kind of files you keep when you have no notion of what is to be kept confidential after agreeing to keep things confidential? Is this the way a responsible man or mind works? Can you not, for example, begin to know what you got from me agreeing to keep it confidential? Are you in any better position than Bud when you excoriated him from breaking his confidence when he said it was accidental and not deliberate? How in the hell are you going to be able to keep your word, assuming as I still do that you have the intent? And if you do not, when is the hurt to us going to end? How can you possibly end it except by total silence? And assuming this to be the reality, how can you justify to yourself total silence when you have beliefs? In shortm could you possibly have fucked things up better if you had dedicated yourself to just that?

You know the workings of the mind better than I. Now try and put yourself in the position in which Lil and I are and ask yourself how our minds should react to this kind of thing? Or how any one would, not ones already overloaded with the problems enough nut not all of which you know? Can you better understand why I want back everything I have let you have? Have I any real choice, have you permitted any? In terms of your own integrity, have you any choice?

You can't undo what you have done. The least you can do is stay out of what you have gotten out of in fact. Put the lingering yearning of the past out of your mind. It is the height of complete irresponsibility for you to intrude into policy matters on such a subject when at best you have no basis for knowing what you into. In this case it is even worse because of all the time I took to try to give you an understanding of it in January. The last I heard you understood and agreed, and suddenly that is all out of your thought. You really must find some way of avpiding any possibility of any kind of repetition. Sincerely,