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Dear Paul and Jim only,

I have written you about the enclosures and you also have a copy of other correspondence relating to them. Paul knows the source from when he was here. The source's source is unclear and is, with respect to the enclosed, not what he said it was. With that I have been circumspect, not sending anything from the confidential source.

As time goes on, I will be writing further about this. However, I emphasize the injunction, nothing going to anyone else, no use except as it can help research, but I think there should be no problem in Paul's future use in a book we discussed briefly when he was here, if he so desires, when I should be able to add more, similar.

These are the best copies I can now provide. My 3M paper is again about gone, the newest supply having been consumed in preparation for litigation. I shall now have to buy another pair of boxes, another \$35 I do not have. In the future, I have no doubt I'll be able to supply better copies, if the efforts of which you are aware do not succeed. However, some of the enclosed seem to me to be of very much potential value, so I've spent much of the morning making the best Thermofaxes I can, on the theory that you'll be going over this material more than once and what you can now make out will be of some helpfulness.

To make a kind of joke, this is my 23rd wedding anniversary, and tomorrow is my 28th, and I've been married to but one woman, with no divorce. So, I want you to be able to go over these things. The second wedding was before a rabbi,

The reasons for most of the things will be obvious. In other cases it may not be, but there is no time for explanations, there being other things of great importance to me that I should be on now. Like trying to straighten out the miserable proposal by the prospective publisher of what was originally COUP, including an advance of but a third of that agreed upon. This kind of thing requires particular and delicate handling.

There is no significance to the ~~arranging~~ sequence, the handwriting and the dating you can guess as well as I can. Ditto typing and typewriter, in some cases, you'll have to read two pages at one time, with the center overexposed to give you the edges. A hasty guess is that Tommy is Compton. Jim gets many new numbers, but may I hope some are not new? You can see who was paying the phone bill, which is not in accord with what we'd been led to believe. There is no relationship between the name on the piece of check and the two sides of the card. I simply copied them together to make fewer small pieces. The one side slipped and hid the important name, going back to the letter in O in NO: Flying Baragone in the Beech (craft). Not surprising these people had Kent Vourtney's pads. And last, the most significant thing, the list of members. There is more relating to this, including the location of their official records, in Texas, where they would have been instantly available, if there'd been official interest. I surmise the Bylston list is either a duplicate or of the unofficial group. One reference to this is that he was put out in 1955 and returned in 1959, another, contradictory, but reported by the same source, is that he was at Keesler, where he got in trouble by insisting on staying with his youngsters, in either 1958 or 1959. If the return was in early 1959, this need not be contradictory. But suppose it was in 1958 and his ousting was not until later? Or earlier than 1968, with the records of LEO there not being available there?... Let me have your thoughts and opinion.

Best, HW