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Dear Larry

In late October or early November you said you were going to return my Minuteman file to me by mail because you would be out of the country when I was to be in Chicago 11/8 and 14. I am reminded that I have not received it by the ~~xxxx~~ renewal of a student's request to be able to go over it.

Please package it well so it will not be injured and send it either insured 4th class mail or certified 1st class with all the insurance possible. It can't be replaced, even at great cost, unless you have copied it, which would be fine. If you can get a copy box of someone else to do the xeroxing, I'll pay the cost of the xeroxing because I am going to deposit this in the Univ. Wisc. with my other records. I've begun it. If you can arrange the xeroxing with safety, I'd prefer that as a safety measure before you return the originals to me. Copies would then go to Prof. David Wrons, History Dept., Univ. Wisc. Stevens Point, 54481.

Things are as they have been here. Too much work, continuing acquisition of once-secret records loaded with literary values about which I can do nothing.

Hope you had a good Xmas and that a fine year lies ahead.

Best,

Dave, this is a Chicago reporter friend. I loaned him all the Minutemen's secret stuff, a stack about 3" thick that I obtained from a network director. Current relevance: the Calif. arms caches.

Here again thesis and book material. I have much more, some going back to the 1930s. This is what I said it would be good if you could take it when you are in Penna. It is in metal transfer cases and an antique oak file cabinet, from which we could transfer it. Mostly clippings and publications. Slightly name indexed, 3x5 cards. From 1940 but not rotted.

This is the kind of thing a real operator like your chancellor might get used by a Madison graduate student. He'd know the professors who could pick the right student. Not just on the Minutemen. My files are merely best on them now.

With day before yesterday's delivery I now have eight new file cabinets in the basement. When I can I'll start straightening things out there. These will give me room for what I am getting. One is already full of new CIA stuff, another ditto FBI, etc. As the new committee gets going - if as it probably will it does after the first of the year - I'll have to do considerable shiting from my office to make file space. Here it would help, if you get the NYTimes, to clip and keep it.

I'll be sending some correspondence and memos on the files on me I've obtained from State. These are incomplete and poisonous to those who cannot understand them so for the time being I ask you to regard it as confidential. When I get all of this it will be different and again, with other material, a real thesis and a sensational book for a hep student. It is the Silent Seven Days in May. Here I wish it were possible to do oral histories. It could mean much to a School of Government. You'll get an idea from the hasty, angry reaction.

When you are in touch with Ruth Minor please thank her for the Xmas card. Great gal. Good year to you all and to all the fine students. Love 'em all!

By the way, Les Payne is back and is willing to go there once his affairs straighten out. He phoned yesterday. He filed stories some of which were syndicated, is going to do a book as he has on SLA. I think you should ask for copies of his stories on current S. Africa developments and believe the paper would provide xeroxes. The black students might dig it and see what is possible for a good black reporter as well as what is going on. It would be a burden for Les to do the xeroxing because he will be overloaded for a while but maybe others might. If I think of it I'll ask him. He may be here next week.

Best,