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Dear Ted,

I'm sorry to have to write you again.

I'm sorrier to have to take the time when I am again getting up before five a.m. to do work that includes having to waste time in an effort to undo the stupid and the harmful.

Neither you nor Peter have responded to my request that you pay the unpaid medical bills. The agreement was to pay all my costs. I asked for no fee and was willing to take the time to help your project without cost when I can't keep up with constructive work that keeps me more than busy.

What remains to be paid is the added \$105 to the doctor, which I paid 5/3/75, and two, not one, subsequent lab bills totalling \$24.

It is not merely that when we try to get along with a regular income of only \$100 a month that this is a real hardship. It is also that the given word was broken.

Had I been home there would have been no cost to me from this and the consequences on me physically would have been considerably less.

If you are not going to do this, can neither of you be man enough to say so?

It is not encouraging that when you promised me tapes in two weeks it is now more than two months past that two weeks and you have sent none. Ordinarily I do not care about such things but there are reasons why I need some of them, especially but not only of my press conference.

I had hoped, it now appears without cause, that some of you might have learned from experience and from the production that was so easy. All that foolishness was foolishness, was factually lies and did play into the hands of those who have reason to suppress truth and the power to get attention. So you will have no doubt about this I have read the Rockefeller Report and there is no single factual error in it on this subject. The only surprise was that it restricted itself as much as it did. It could have hit back a lot harder and without error or exaggeration.

You have had nothing to say about your appearance before the Church people. Nor have I heard a word from any of the others, those who claim to have done their own work. I know some of the frightful stuff that has been heaped on them by those who did not learn the lesson of the Rockefeller incident or don't care as long as they get attention for themselves. It is poisonous to us all. As I told you (and from personal experience, having worked there), opinions no matter how often expressed and no matter how faithfully recorded are utterly irrelevant to the work of Congressional committees. They need hard fact and there are very few who have it and not many more who understand it. Propaganda may rip off the mind and pockets of the college people but it is counterproductive when given to the Congress. I said this in the speech. Nobody listened because his personal ambitions meant more than advice based on experience.

I would like you to communicate this to Peter and I would like both of you to behave like men in this. I also would like to hear from you, whatever you have to say and will and will not do.

For your information only, Church people have been in touch with me, on their initiative, not mine, and partly in revulsion at the awful stuff poured on them. I was invited in to meet with a Senator who knows me from the past and with staff. After that several of the staff were here and saw what they could in the time they had. They will be back and the Senator will also. So, as I told you to begin with, I am not opposed to doing these things. I am opposed to doing them the wrong way. But whether anybody can undo all the harm that so many have done remains to be seen. What they want of what I have they will have. The real question is have all the nuts made impossible what clearly was possible. The nuts continue. The most frightful crap was forced on them only last week. People in the press check these things with me so I have a pretty good idea what this immense gang is doing and saying and claims to have. Best,