

Dear Moo,

Preparatory to drafting the memo we discussed, it has been necessary for me to reorganize my entire file of correspondence with the Archives, to lay the foundation for any correspondence with the Department of Justice and Secret Service. I do not want to remove the originals of the letters to me from my home. Therefore, unless I hear otherwise from you, I will bring photocopies. This is an extensive file. I have not yet done 1966, and the letters total 78!

When I have finished, this file I will bring will include all of such correspondence with all the agencies of government and the few I have written by Paul, most of which will relate to the literature and its distribution.

Should it be necessary, I will bring the originals. However, because I regard them as historically important in establishing a record, I'd prefer not to. Let your requirements control.

In case you have done nothing to enforce Jim's decision to recall all credentials in private hands, I want again to encourage you as strongly as I can to do this. They never were needed. Those who say they are simply are not competent. The embarrassment they can cause is without limit. The movie is not the only way and the potential of that is far from clear. Jim Lawrence's estimate of that and my own of the book make possible the analysis that the real purpose of this operation is to damage, not to help us, possibly to cause a mistrial. If any information on this operation comes in, I certainly would like to be kept au courant so I can be thinking of it.

You was going to have pictures made of the contact point I discovered down there. I went back myself, the pictures have been developed, and it is not necessary. Mine are okay. However, if anything is developed on that address and the owner - I alerted Barbara without telling her why - I'd like to be kept abreast of that, too. I have also asked west-coast friends to try and keep up and inform me, but I've received nothing as yet. Even before I went down this last time, when Steve Barton finally had a few misgivings, I asked him for a detailed memo, covering everything. I've heard nothing. When Lou is in touch with him, I think it would be good if he were asked to do this immediately and completely. He had better be prepared, and further connections might thereby be established. Remember the coincidence in timing, the delay once we had started to do something, etc. It could be very important, and is there anything else for Steve to do?

Sincerely,