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Dear Pearl,

A week ago I wrote Jerry and another his age, both on whom I had regarded as one regards sons, that I never wanted to see or hear from him again and asked the return of everything of mine he has. I did not write you about this because I knew he would reply. His letter came today. It calls stealing the requirement of "good conscience", among its lesser moral and ethical self-descriptions.

His arrogance and ego have long been out of control. It has been impossible to get through to him. I have tried often and hard. He is in over his ears in a very bad thing he never understood and wouldn't try to. He was here after he distributed what I worked years to get to those he knew I didn't want to have it and never said a word about it. Not until I learned by accident and confronted him in the letter did he acknowledge it. The other one and an older person involved have at least had the good taste to be silent.

He made no reference to returning anything. I have long been after him to get back one of my irreplaceable files a friend of his had. For about a year now. He says he has not gotten any of my letters on this. I never omit a return address. Not one has been returned. Were there to be interception, more important mail has been undelayed. I can't call him a liar but I just don't believe it now. I think he is stealing the file. With what he has done anything nasty alleged can be justified. With his defense of such conduct, one can't defend him.

Sorry to have to tell you this. If he comes out of what he has contrived himself into intact, meaning as emotionally intact as he was before, it'll be a great wonder.

About that with which you have entrusted himⁱⁿ the past you can now do nothing. If you do it in the future, be aware of the possibilities. I don't care if you tell him what I have said or not, but I think you'd be wiser not to. He'd give you lies you have no way of assessing and might be tempted to keep what you may have given him where otherwise he might not. It was a considerable shock to me, more his pretended defense than the fact, stunning as that was.

On another subject, I'm interested in the bugging of the Democrats. It is more than all the people involved had CIA? and Bay Pigs connections. I'd appreciate anything of consequence that you see down there, even if you do not have time to translate (and I don't read Spanish). It may hold a number of possibilities, including some legislative and judicial restraint on the spoils.

In confidence, please: I think the two top men were the two who ran the Bay Pigs disaster, in it known as Frank Bender and "Bernie". I think Bender is the cunt who has fled, who was in the White House, where it now turns out he had a Spanish pistol in his desk! Plus plans for "emo Hq and an eavesdropping device. He fled in such haste he apparently left this stuff behind! Some spook! No wonder the Bay Pigs failed, huh? While he is said to have left WH employ in March, he still had a desk in the Ex Off. Bldg as of today. Takes Nixon a long time to unload.

Best,

How goes the ragnus opus? And everything?