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Well, Robert!

You are even a good typist!

Practise the skill more, use postage stamps instead of phone bills and you may simplify your problems.

I have never accused you of stealing from my files. Nor have I in your book, which I've not read not to want to.

I am aware of your financial problems, having lived with them longer.

However, this does not change the fact you do not address: the university agreed to pay me the extra \$200 for partial repayment of my cash costs in having to have gone to New York when they'd not actually scheduled the contracted appearance.

The other explanations are irrelevant.

Your situation and its anxieties and needs are understandable. Send me a bill, as I've told you from the first, and I'll send you a check despite the balance due me.

Chris' judgement is good. Actually, there is nobody near you who is doing real work and those who come to you on your photo-optics will merely want to use you.

On the shots, please include a good one or more from the Martin. I'm not mailing any until I have them all. After you mail the prints and you have acknowledgement of receipt please mail the negatives. Not only may I want them for later reproduction but I'll also want a good set of files prints since I'll be sending one set away. If you have not printed, please print ~~in~~ two.

I've forgotten, but I think what I really want worked over carefully is everything on Lovelady-Oswald.

Hope you locate a decent job soon.

Best,



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Dear Harold,

All here are fine. I trust the same for you both. As to the matter of the color prints, the reason why you have not yet received them is that the negatives took about 6 hours to shoot and I simply did not have the time, even though I realized the importance of this project. The only item that I can remember is the Lovelady doorway photographs. These I have duplicated from my source material to maintain maximum possible quality. Considering our financial condition, costs are truly prohibited. However, rest assured that the materials will reach you very soon. I shot the negatives yesterday.

I again and for the last time request the single thing I ever asked to borrow from you and that is the color negatives from President Kennedy's shirt.

In past correspondences from you-you have mentioned each time of how your files have been ripped off. It pleases me to remind you that I have never gone through your files or been in your files. In view of recent developments, I am relieved to be away from suspicion.



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Also on this point, I truly appreciate your warning about a mutual acquaintance, as does Chris. Please rest assured that now as ever, my files remain closed to everyone. (and Chris does not want him near our house)

As to the matter of money from Hunter College, the original deal that was proposed by Hunter called for a total expenditure of \$1,500.00 complete to be shared 50-50 between you and myself. (\$750- for you and \$750- for me). However, considering that you would have to go through the agency, you would have ended up with \$525- (minus your expenses). I took a reduction in my honorarium to the point where we would both end up with \$650- in spite of how badly we needed the money. By eliminating the necessity of you going through the agency, you retained 30% more money. Even considering the postponement bonus you received (I requested noneXXdespite the inconvenience) you still ended up with \$275- more this way than you would have with the old arrangement. Taking in account my loss of salary for that day, I on the other hand, ended up with my original \$100- voluntary ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ deduction returned.

I've ~~gone~~ gone out of my way in every step of the transaction to insure that you & I would both end up with a <sup>maximum</sup> ~~maximum~~ equal amount of income. I hope that this explanation ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ removes any possibility of mis-feeling.





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Please tell Lil that a photograph of both Robbie and Johnny will be soon forthcoming. (we wish to have a recent photograph duplicated)

Finally, neurospasmodically yours is a "winky" Belinism and was an attempt at humor.

Best as ever, and kisses for Lil.

*Robert*