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Dear Dick,

I was in DC today. Johnson is away for a week. Instead of checking this out there, where I have already checked out all their pictures and have gone through all the picture files, I have written Rowley. Copy enclosed. I suggest, however, that you write Rhoads and make a record on that end. I'd like copies.

There is little point in my trying to do much there. They go out of their way to spite me, forget to copy some of what I order, etc. Last week Hal and Gary were there and left a list of things to be copied. As of today, it had not yet been begun. More than a week ago I ordered 700 pages of microfilming. Today they had not started it, and not because the facilities are jammed. The beginning of that microfilm order goes back more than two months. They have just stalled.

Frankly, because I think we have come close to draining it, at least in terms of our manpower capabilities, certainly of my own, I also think their leaving this kind of record, ultimately will make more clear that there has been executive-agency impropriety. Is that enough of an understatement?

With regard to the ABC footage, instead of calling the official, I called my friend who is working with him. I read the letter and tonight am mailing it. I will try and see to it that you are there if there is any examination of this film.

Many thanks.

Looking forward to your visit.

Sincerely,