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Dear Sylvie,

Many thanks for the retying of the list of Arch materials. It is much more accessible in that form. However, it is also not dependable because it is not complete and because individual documents in some of the files are still withheld. I presume either Bud or I sent you copies of what he did on this a year ago, and that Paul also sent you his/their work. If not, we can supply it.

I also have what these noble embodiments of federal scholarship were careful to withhold from me, to not let me know exists, other list with which they supplied Paul. Because my machine, despite recent repair, is not functioning properly, I enclose them so you may copy them if you'd like and then return. I have so much copying I must now do for other purposes + fear overloading the aging device.

Bud was here yesterday. He did not have the time to complete examination of the files planned. However, we are much closer to the actual filing of suits against the government (at least Secret Service, Department of Justice and Arch.). He is beginning to believe they may give me what I seek rather than risk the attention to the material a suit might cause (how I wish he'd come to this conclusion anyear ago!), crediting them with more wisdom than I do. I regard them as a snake starting to swallow an animal and unable to regurgitate. We'll see. I think they dare not give me what I want.

He is going to England 11/1. for two weeks. Is there anything you'd like checked out there?

By the time I leave for New York I will have copies of some original files of which we have had only copies of copies. The originals are not consistent with any of the many copies I have. I'll tell you the story when I see you. Perhaps by then I will have learned a little more. In this case, an inexcusable oversight on my part denied me this for two years, for I had succeeded in forcing it without realizing I had succeeded. I read too hastily, was deceived by the ellipsis and too hungrily grabbed for the bait then offered. I shame!

I am sending Paul and Gary copies of your retying of the list.

Hastily,