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Dear Sylvia (Mary),

No objection at all to getting that letter via RB. I long ago reached the point where I couldn't begin to make enough copies. We have little choice. Matter of fact, I've just done the same thing, sent something to Mary with the request that she forward it to you when she has read it.

I am quite sincerely more than disturbed at the possibility that some of us, with the very best intentions, may lead Boggs into a disaster, for him and for us. There are too many who don't begin to know what they think they do, and know so little they do not realize it. Some of the better-known "experts" have not taken the time to do the most basic research and have only the less dependable of the second-hand versions. Others, whose advent is relatively recent, have the liability that no matter how devotedly they apply themselves, they are that far behind, and I've met enough blissfully unaware of it. These, too, have the added liability of not beginning work of their own until after being subjected to the most irresponsible outpourings, which I needn't enumerate to the two of you.

And then there are the genuine and the dedicated who also are or border on paranoia on this subject. I live in such apprehension of some of them and what they may do to us that I have often thought of isolating myself and doing nothing but the accumulated writing so long delayed by so many efforts to help others who cannot or will not be helped.

Meanwhile, if only solid approaches can be made to Boggs, and if he is amenable to suggestion, where his immediate course could and should be simple and direct, not complicated by long memos enumerating the enormous catalogue that can be compiled, the possible by-product could be fantastic. They are going to go after him. If he turns to any of us for help, I hope it does not include the well-intentions-so-often-wrong, but that I do fear.

Sincerely,