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Dear Bill,

The bound copy of the Prouty manuscript came yesterday and as soon as I saw it I appreciated that it was ideal in several ways. One is that with the printing on both sides it is half as thick, half as heavy, much easier to handle in every way better for both reading and for my lending to others to read. But then when I handled it, and I mean just took it entirely out of the envelope, it became apparent that the velo binding ^{had} begun to separate at ^{both} ends, close to three inches at each end. I could not make it hold by pressing it back but then I have no knowledge of ~~the~~ how that binding works. Then as I thumbed through it, I saw that toward the end the printing began to get unclear and at the end I could not read it. So, I wonder if that is on the disk.

I am glad to get this and I can lend it if there is a need or if I want to but the binding will not hold up for much handling. But then it can still be used with no binding at all, as though it had been made with no binding. However, the binding, as I learned with Waket^eh, is a real convenience in reading.

I've been trying to think since you asked if I want any copies of any of these. First I want some assurance that it is not any bad burden on all of you because if it is I'll not want any. I do appreciate very much all you have done but I do not want it to be unusually burdensome. Burdensome I know it is, and that makes us appreciate it more.

Then I'd like to know which ones you have.

I do want McKnight and Wrono to have a complete set of their own, separate from their colleges, for their own writings. (I've given McKnight the research and some of the writing of books I'll not be able to do and he will so the people can know and Wrono is writing his own now.) Between them Ginocchio and MacDonald should have one of each for their own work, but they are younger and make ^{many} copies by one for the other is less of a burden. I ^{also} want a few for a sister and brother-in-law. The disk of the Groden manuscript I sent you was done by their younger daughter. I've already got disks for just about everyone of it.

If that velo binding can be made to hold when it is that long and can be bent in ~~the~~ the mail as it is in use, it would be idea and I think it would be great if all copies were made that way. Additional advantage: less than half the space in filing and another, can be identified in the spine for filing.

Many thanks! We do appreciate this.

Best to all,

Jack