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Dear Fred,

After getting your letter today, I checked the polaroid copy I got from a young correspondent with several others, as printed in 16 and 17, as published elsewhere, etc., and it is obvious there has been some doctoring. I am having a couple of negatives made and will send them if you agree that this goes nowhere else, is shown nowhere else. I do have a special use in mind and I do not want piecemeal leaks. I can understand you might be unwilling to agree to this, therefore I ask in advance. I want it kept secret until I can use it with the very considerable amount of material I consider relevant and on which I am working.

If you do agree, I would like the credit as it should be made indicated. If it would be to you alone, okay, or you and a photographer, fine, but I'd want his full name indicated.

I cannot tell in advance how this will turn out. What I am hoping to send you is a one-for-one copy of the entire Polaroid and then negatives of parts of the picture. It may be I'll not be able to use polaroid, in which event I'll send you 35mm negatives. I have a neighbor who is more proficient than I. It will depend on what film is in his camera and which camera(s) we can use.

Meanwhile, I'll get after my original source to locate his original source and in the course of time perhaps we'll have a better beginning point.

Security is a thing not easy to learn or live with. Some of us like to practise it for ourselves and not for others. It is, in any event, inconsistent with normal life and freedom. Yet it remains a necessity in what we seek. This is a prelude to telling you then I have not published any new book, that I have not written a book on the NSRP. I have written a book that deals with a number of things of which one is the NSRP. Until it is published I'd much rather have no mention of the contents, which is what I'd indicated to those few I'd told about it. A little thought should provide a number of compelling reasons. When it is out, you people will know. I wish I had reason to expect it would be soon!

I do hope to be out there in the not distant future.

Many thanks, and best to all.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg