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Dear Les,

When I'd worked my way to where I had to get back to the second chapter and did not have the second batch of your notes I figured out how to structure it so I could work them in easily.

C I then worked to where I was going to quote your stories. Only I don't have them! You gave them to me. I gave "esar, who is in Florida or Tennessee, a copy. I gave a set to some college kids to copy for Conyers. And I thought I had one myself. But I can't find it. Anywhere. And I've searched all the confusion that is greater than usual because I'm farthur behind on filing and because it always gets worse when I'm writing.

What I'd very much appreciate, if it is not too much trouble, is two copies. I can then cut one up and tape it to what I write. I'll be excerpting them.

O With your remaining notes, if it is no special problem, a second set or a carbon would be helpful because I want to keep one as a matter of archival record. I'll then cut the other up and use it that way.

P In writing the beginning of this chapter, when I knew I'd be hiding identities of sources, I decided that at least in the draft I would confront the probability that the masking might be regarded as paranoid. So to diminish this I decided to quote some of the CIA's records on me that I have. This led me to believe that it might be a good thing to do the same with you. In the ways that are applicable - unless you have some of the spooking of you.

What I'd like to do is use a couple of grafs on how the Mafia put you out of Sicily only for you to find that SDECE was intercepting cables - the misinterpreted message on the birth. Can you please write a couple of grafs so I'll have them accurate?

I've written myself past this but inserting it will be easy.

I do think these kinds of accounts do add to interest and comprehensibility.

Y Especially when Henry Hailel ^{uses} some of the CIA's Office of Security language - five years later. Security yet on my published work! (You're there now, too. Be sure!)

People see TV and a few news stories so they have an idea of what the federals do, but that they do it to writers and people are reading the writing and it has to do with offing King (to the CIA he was not "Dr.") I think it fits if not helps.

Fortunately I'm a bit tied up and have about a day's work ahead for the friend who is retyping the rough while Lil tries to clean up her tax-season accumulation.

Tomorrow I'm going to try to drive to Baltimore about midday. I'll have to stop and walk around a bit en route. We're taking the train to Philadelphia for a family confirmation (of my youngest niece). We return midday Sunday. There will be a mail and book-order accumulation and I'll have to be free for Jim's needs relating to Tuesday's hearing. After I vote against Andy's preference in ethnic purity I'd like to get back on this, perhaps Tuesday night. If I do not have to see the doctor I can offer you a ride to the airport if you want to spent some time with Jim and me after the hearing. We always have more to do together than we have time for. We'll have things on this suit and he's just filed a small book for me in another. One of my college friends is to drive me home. We can continue from the airport. I've not heard from the doctor since I reported the new swelling in my legs. It has since began to return to normal inflation.

Thanks and best to everyone,