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Dear Harold,

Sorry I took so long in getting back to you but I have been quite involved in my own work. My publisher has commissioned me to do a book on the upcoming elections and I'm fighting a deadline.

In answer to your querie about Fred Newcomb, I can tell you only what I got second hand from Steve Burton. Fred apparently was disturbed about the work you asked him to do on Thornley's picture. I might also add that Steve was upset also.

They felt that it was less than honest of you to attempt such a thing. For what it's worth I can tell you what I said. I think that I have talked to you enough to know that you would be the last person on earth to do anything that was not above board. I'm sure that they misinterpreted your desires.

I'm sure you realize that I would not want this to get back to anyone. I don't like to be placed in the position of being a spy.

I don't know why, but I have not been contact by Ivon or anyone else. You people could give me a complex. It is not altogether impossible that I might have something to offer.

Best Regards.