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Dear Howard,

No insult intended, but I write while Lil is getting ready for us to go somewhere. The usual interruptions have multiplied and I want very much to get the rest of PM on papers so it can be gone over, added to, cut, criticized, etc. and on the possibility of any kind of break in the news or politics.

I'm pushing so hard to do this I haven't gone over the two fat files I'd ~~layed~~ laid aside for it and am working from the top of the head. However, today, when I had to go to what I'd filed that I forced out, some of the relevant things I had and had forgotten were out of my mind and surprised me.

While I'd missed, for example, what you found in the panel report about that fragment at the back of the head, I'd spotted it in Sibert-O'Neill. I use it from that, with a credit to you for finding it in the panel report when I didn't. I'll send you this brief thing to see if it meets with your approval. If not, I can omit it without any problem. It is more that I wanted to credit you than that I needed the size.

Something else I'd forgotten is that the ~~CE843~~ CE843 fragments simply can't be 7x2 and 1x3 mm. I'll ask for a copy with a mm scale, which will take until the next renaming of Air Force 1 from Spirit of 76. But neither has anything like these proportions. Did they take a special picture for you or did you get a copy of the CE? I think Rhoads has failed to answer my question does the picture show two or three frags.

What, with taking a morning walk, trying to make the grass less attractive to varmints and the multitudinous other things, I've had little time for reading. The Chicago deal was a reverse frame and I'm glad to have the NYT on it. They arranged the leak, and I knew of it more than a month before publication from a private source, to arrange the only defense for Hamdahan, pre-trial pub. Pretty smart. I've read part of the Bay Pigs reprint and it is great as far as I've gone. I've got a stack near the chair.

Should you come, I'd like to see CE843. I'll still get one with scales. Or, I'll order it, anyway. They haven't told me when to go in and see the pictures they were to have taken, and I'm deliberately not reminding them. I got the Texas stuff yesterday but haven't gone over it because I want to with the list and I don't now want to take that time. But they had what they didn't send you, because they sent me some of what I'd ordered, anyway.

Nothing else new. Best,