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Howard, I kept writing late last night to finish a letter to you. It made me forget several things. I write you and make a note for myself. You recall that Gary's defense is that although he knew the d.c. was my work, he merely duplicated it and he was in a way confirmed by Jim Lesar, who said he saw it on some list in his office. I asked Jim for a copy. When he came yesterday to work on Ray affidavits for habeas corpus, he brought it along. It turns out it is a copy he, personally, made of something in their files. I took one look at it and it even has my writing on it identifying the source! I have been years trying to get my stuff back from Bud and out of many CIA hands. He broke his word repeatedly and I finally got so mad I demanded its return. It hasn't happened YET! They keep fobbing me off and as a matter of reality there is nothing I can do short of clubbing them, which will get me nothing. So I have to anticipate more of this kind of this, all holy as hell from those self-conceived holy. I have asked Gary for a copy of whatever he said triggered him, and although to me it makes no ethical or moral difference, it will be interesting to see what excuse he has, whether it is something else from my files that suggested duplication of my work for himself, child's play once I've shown anybody anything. I showed Jim my notation on it and he said, simply, "What's your handwriting, isn't it?". While you are deeply concerned about so many things, perhaps you can worry up some means by which people can work together under these circumstances? Especially when it is always someone doing no work who causes something like the present mess. Best,

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