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Dear Vince,

Since last we spoke, I have written an "addition" to COUP D'ETAT, which you scanned a year and a half ago. It is half again as large as the first part of the book and, in some-many-ways by far the most significant thing we have done. It may not be possible to conceive this, but then, no one has done this enormous work. Although it will never happen, I have enough to justify the disbarment of every lawyer involved in the Ray case. And much, much more than that. It is a really definitive job that, because it is so all encompassing, is of immediate, current importance and use.

Partly because of universal abdication, partly because I am white, I have not been able to interest any responsible black in coming here to see what I have. I've written a large number, without a single response. One I've not written is Reverend Bevel, the one of King's former friends who has, publicly, indicated basic understand of what happened. But it is ever so much worse than he shows any sign of realizing. It is so hot - and so important - that the executive of one large publishing house is going to try to arrange financing for private publication (his house won't touch it).

Because you are in Philadelphia and in the hope you know or have met him, I am writing to ask that you get in touch with Bevel, tell him of me and my work, and extend my invitation for him to get in touch (I'll not say much by phone) or, better, come here long enough to read at least several hundred typed pages and look at the documents I have, if he cannot stay long enough to read 300,000 words, the size of the book now.

Bud is going to file a suit against the Justice and, I think, State Departments for me on this. We are ready as soon as he prepares the papers. I think we have the closest thing possible to an airtight case under the "Freedom of Information" law. Agnew has given us a wonderful backdrop for it!

With any kind of lick, this has enormous potential, more than anything yet. Please believe me on this, Vince, it is like that. But of the significance there is no doubt at all.

Hope you are having a good holiday.

Sincerely,