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9/5/72 JNS: You have been silent for so long I presume you may be able to find a bit of time for a little work in the library. It is not work I am at all confident will have meaning but it is so obvious I think it should not be ignored and I don't know anyone else who can do it so I ask it of you, with this brief explanation. I don't have to tell you the consequences of what Wecht has done. There was some turmoil before it because everyone disagreed with me on its inevitable consequences, for an assortment of reasons involving judgement, refusal to thin, frustration and other things. Something like it was inevitable once officialdom decided upon it, but Wecht was the worst from our point of view, worse, for example, than Nichols. Anyway, although everything was inevitable except our capacity to do something about it, which was frittered away, the whole thing has an interesting origin. Without this origin it would still have happened, but the fact is there is an identifiable beginning. GRS sent one Ned Crosby to me. We accepted him at first on GRS' word. We'd later have accepted him on his own, so for this GRS can't be faulted. However, only after this led to great pain and the waste of an enormous amount of time for my wife and me did GRS confess knowing in advance that at best Ned was unstable, with serious emotional problems seeming to come for a guilt feeling, having inherited enormous wealth (General Mills, Weyerhaeuser, etc.) GRS then also confessed that Ned was guilty of unconscionable acts. As I remember the story it is that GRS learned Ned was going to a shrink. This shrink had a woman patient. He started laying her. When Ned was warned about this shrink's ethics, he told the husband, with consequences you can imagine, including for the patient. One way to help the sick. Well, Ned and I made a deal the particulars of which are not except in one respect immediately in point: he would make no use of anything I gave him without my permission and would speak to nobody involved without it. He was going to condense PM for commercial possibility and pay for the appearance of the full thin in underground form. He broke every part of the entire deal. He knows Katzenbach. He took particular offense at a chapter which shows the deliberateness with which exculpation for those really responsible for the real suppressions was contrived and how it was pinned instead on the uninvolved Kennedys, who had nothing to do with the investigation. This chapter also shows the involvement of Katzenbach in the ploy. After breaking the deal and doing what he committed himself in advance not to, Ned started laying court to Burke Marshall, who had earlier agreed not to give anyone access. Knowing the potential and knowing enough to be absolutely certain of the improbability of anything new coming from this film, I saw to this through a Senator and I did get word back after he spoke to Marshall. Ned knows Katzenbach because they are both on the board of an Africa-America institute. The world's least dependable authority in a different context says an institute of this approximate name is a CIA front. It is Joesten, in his 8/1 or 8/15 newsletter. So, what I'd like is the composition of all foundations of any variation of this name, Africa(n) or America(n) first or last. It is New York based. It may mean nothing, but it is, I think, something we should know, and I ask that for the moment you keep this between the two of us. No need to hurt anyone needlessly or to kill what might have to be worked on. I hope you can do it. I ask that if you can't or won't you please let me know. Best, LW