

8/14/69

Dear Paul, and Gary

I was in DC today and I did converse with the man who has offered to print-out the micro film, by phone. The conversation went in such a way that I could not ask him about cost because he was pretty clearly saying, yet without actually using the words, what he said to begin with, that he would be glad to do this for me. When I know in advance and can make a date we'll have lunch together, and I think especially if I can have the micro-film with me, that will be the more propitious moment to eliminate the possibility of any misunderstanding without being gauche.

It happens that I know I have to be in DC 8/27 and 9/3. So, if you can get film to me by then, I'll make the date.

Most of the film they do is from 9/1 to 14/1, and they prefer to do complete rolls because their machines are set up for this. This means from 1,500 upward to about 3,000. Where we have less than complete rolls, they would want us to do the splicing. So, we should accumulate that much. I forgot to note it, but I believe he said that if we have negative rather than positive, he'd have to make positive. You'll probably know.

Please let me know when you can. I will not undertake any substantial liability. It is pretty clear this is to be a favor to me, but I'll be sure.

Didn't speak to Bud, who was away.

I had a letter I didn't read yet, but Lil read to me while we were driving. I can see it is not suitable for copying, so I'll send that letter to Gary who can communicate with Paul. This is from the British dental student who is a buff and seems to have the possibility of photogrammetry service. It is for him I asked Penn to let me have a set of the 26 and DCA, so he could continue his work. If you decide that what he wants to undertake is worthwhile, I'll be writing him putting him in touch with Gary and sending you copies of my letter to him. I cannot now undertake any of this and I am too long removed from some of that.

Nothing else new.

Best,