

Gary (Mary),

having tried to copy Bud's response on the way out-of-date 3M paper and on my old Thermofax machine (where the paper is fine but the machine is out of wack, I have no really legible copy of it once I mail the carbon, which is pretty clear. I'm torn. I want you all to have access to it, and I also do not want to be without it in case I have to consult it. If Bud runs into any problem, I'll hear from him and as you will see on reading this, his factual knowledge is rather deficient.

So, this is what I'll do and what I'll ask: I won't mail until tomorrow evening, after my mail comes. If I have word from Mary that she is home, I'll send it to her. If I do not, I'll send to you, as the earlier memo says.

Whoever of you gets it, I'd appreciate it if you make a copy, return the carbon to me, and let others who want copies make them from your copy. What I was able to make for myself is so bad that it will take considerable puzzling to make out, and if I have to do it in a rush, it just won't work.

Aside from what I regard as both strategic and tactical errors, I regard this as a very good job, save for attributing to me the belief that a fragment or fragments were recovered from the curbstone! I'll be writing Bud a letter and I'll send you a copy. This illustrates a new problem: there is no scorecard that will let me follow the game. I got this today and he filed it either yesterday or today. He mailed a copy to Justice (USDA, DC) today. So, I didn't get it until too late to correct the error. It is mostly from the memo I sent him, but that was not for immediate use, that was for analysis and the future. I thought and intended. We blew another good one, alas, and not for any reason or need that is apparent. I explained it to Jim today, but I am without confidence that will do any good in the future. I am not at all suggesting we will lose this one, or that this motion will have any such effect. Quite the opposite, it fortifies my unfleeting belief, when I alone held to it, that we should win. It is only that we will get less benefit than we could have, in the overall and for the future cases, as ultimately I'll explain...Sorry about the need for speedy return of the carbon, but we'd best take no chances. I think the government will have to respond by a week from Monday, the 20th and I'd best be in a position to use it fast not later than then.

Sincerely,

This relates to our paper only,  
for I have a fair copy of theirs,  
besides this good one.