Dear Gary,

I think it not necessary to tell you how much the enclosed exchange of letters with Bud Murt. I am sending them to no others, elthough I am not at all certain this is the right course. Inevitably, this will change the relationship with Bud and inevitably, it will be detected and talked about. I had thought of making copies for Mary, Pauland Dick only but then decided against it. If you feel they should know, tell them what you think they should know or send them copies. If there is further correspondence, I ll send you copies. Mary is due here within the month. I'll probably show her the letters then.

The timing couldn't have been worse. I had a very upsetting phone conversation last night with a friend who had tried to beat ma out of \$100 with the shabbiest kind of trick. And the contract for COUP has come in unacceptable form, with provisions I hadn't been consulted about and cannot accept and with the promise of an advence only 1/5 of that agreed to. All in the midst of our own pressing financial problems and a full field sudit by IRS not yet concluded (I do hope it will be leter today).

And the irony is that the consequence is to delay repayment by a few days, for I am mailing this today, making a special trip into town to do it (as I did riday to decsit the check, at night, so that when I gave Bud a check this week it would have cleared). I was supposed to go there tomorrow, but I will not unless they phone and ask me to. Even the small amount required for gas is today a problem. I an driving with a defective muffler and tailpipe simply because of what it costs to replace these. I am just certain to keep the windows open. However, I'd have handed Bud the check tomorrow, by the greatest extension of snything he could have taken from my estimates three days late, but actually not late because I told him it depended upon when I got the checks. Obviously, this was not something I controlled.

The only people who ever himiliate me about my poverty are out "france", like Virce and Bud and others you know. And they are largely responsible for some of my debt, for enormous amounts of extra; unnecessary work, and for the bed situation which kept me from doing things from which there might have been a return. Vince even interfered with the sele of MHITEVASH and is responsible for denying it reviews in theb"liberal" megazines. And each one cho has done it is well off, renging from the affluent to the very rach. Those in modest circumstances are quite the opposite, sending me small sums when they can. There is a five buck check today from one you do not know.

This kind of thing is upsetting, but it no longer kindles hot anger. I suppose I have come to expect it, subconsciously. I'll be lucky to be able to concentrate enough ti handle the rest of the mail today. Tread the letters, but having read this first, little registered...You know, I'm out even the cost of the phone cells with Jerry to arrange for Bud to be James' lawyer. I asked Bud to pay them and he hasn't. To refused, in fact. Yet the deal was that if I did this, I'd be with him on every trip and visit. When he made these behind my back and I raised the question, he said there was no knoney for it. But for the mischief of that committee there is money. Stuff like Spregue's. There is always money for him hurtful things the avoidance or rectification of which always wind up costing me...Does the government need agents to divide and immobilize us? What for? They have our "friends" and "associates", the people of lofty principle.

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Harold -

Enclosed is a copy of the Sout. You should already have the interviews of the Thunderboth. All are for you to keep except the Thunderboth Which I would eventually like back. The July issue of computers of automation contains a sequel to the Srague article.

Best Wishes, Vander Tauents

