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Dear Mr. Verb,

In your letter of 8/15 you asked me to get you a copy of Document 958 and, if it were available, 959. I did not forget. The copies were long in the process of being copied. I got this yesterday. As recently as Wednesday 959 had not been declassified. The actual cost was so slight, forget about it.

The list from which you quote does indicate 958 is classified. The notation reads "List C". If, as I presume, this refers to item C of the third reason for not releasing, that reads, "Would be source of embarrassment to innocent persons, who are the subject, source, or apparent source of the material in question, because it contains gossip and rumor or details of a personal nature having no significant connection with the assassination of the President;"

I presume that in the document list the letters "LNU" stand for "last name unknown".

One of the deductions you might draw is pretty obvious.

Any word on the Ramparts special issue?

I had a reply from Donald Stanley and answered it. He apparently is going to write more and is going to quote part of my letter, or draw upon it. I hope you'll be able to send me a copy of this and anything else pertinent.

The rough draft of HITCHCOCK II is almost complete. I'd prefer you say nothing about it for now. I think the content, even after HITCHCOCK I, is shocking.

If anything appears in your papers about Popkin's book or quoting him and/or his wife, please send it to me if you can. What kind of a guy is he? If it is no burden, the same is true of the other books.

Sincerely,