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Dear Hal,

Although I feel if nothing else the cost will make the Long Beach thing impossible, I have been making a kind of preparation for it. I've been gathering a file on Joe Ball. Using it there might help the group there get off to a better start. I shudder when I consider the kind of doctrine, thinking and fiction they'll get from the Turner-Jones combine, with paranoia. I've heard nothing since mailing the letter of which I sent you a copy.

I could have suggested to Welsh that I might send him some books on consignment, with them making the bookstore profit, but this has been disastrous to me, so I didn't. Penn owes me \$150 books. Burton said he didn't get a shipment when I gave him his written acknowledgement of getting it and returned for credit what I gave him as a contribution for his committee! Art Unkin owes me more than \$75.00 and doesn't answer mail. Ditto for the San Diego Committee. How is it all these nice people are crooks when they deal with me?

On another subject, toward the end of 1966, either in person or by mail, I believe I gave you my own index of CD 7, made of the prepared index, in which I'd separated out every name on every withheld page. Paul has since done this much better and more extensively. However, for my purposes, my list is sometimes better. If you have a copy (if no longer do) and feel you can use Paul's instead, I'd like to get that back. If you have any use for it, keep it. My need is not urgent or frequent. Penn was supposed to check out the local names to see if they would support the belief the fees were protecting the local radical right. He never did.

Also, when the guy ghosting Powers' book phoned me, I was in a hurry to file my note. I did it in such haste I made no cross-reference, so until I can remember his name I cannot get it and his address. After reading Barbara's book, which you sent, I want to write him, calling a thing or two to his ~~attention~~ attention and asking him something. When you can, if you'll send me this it will save much searching here.

Progress report: my suffering wife is on page 438 of the total COUP, the original and the consecutively-number addition. She is about 75% through the addition. This means the complete text, without the extensive appendix, is about 300,000 words, much too long, yet to round it out it still requires notes and a Sirhan chapter.

Nothing else really new. Bud is a bit closer to filing my suits but not nearly as ready as I suspect he thinks....Internal Revenue has not yet completed their audit of my books. Their reasons: they have lost my 1968 return (I haven't) and they've had no response from Dell on the royalty payments to me (how can Dell respond without running a risk with the federal government, since they've given me a very crooked count?). Much as I'd like to have this overwith, I am quite happy that they've queried Dell. When last we heard, the auditor was going to phone Dell and ask why they haven't replied....I go to NYV next week for a meeting with my new agent and a small publisher. Best to everyone,