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Dear Hal and Gary,

I know you are both busy, but if corrections and suggestions for COUP are to help me I'll have to have them soon. I have finished the additions to the new last chapter, have picked up all the corrections except a few I'll do today, and there remains but a single tough one Gary recommended long ago. There is no present prospect of publication, which is depressing, considering how topical it really is, but about that I can do nothing and there are other things I must do. When I get on them, I will want this entirely out of my mind and I will want to concentrate on the work I will pick up.

The appearance of other books may ~~map~~ help or may hurt, I don't know. I understand "Aie's book is coming out and that Squires did finish his and his editor is lending his name to the book (Siegenthaler) and that it will soon be out. Squires covered the trial for his paper, I think the Tennessean.

There is much rereading I will have to do before I can even organize the next work, which is PM II. I think I'll have to reorder the two I've done and make II into III. After this extensive reading I have a very large file of material to go over for the writing, and that will be technical and intricate. So, I am anxious to have my mind free of the content of COUP.

Yesterday I mailed Paul the additions to the last chapter. They may not be easy to follow without the rest of that chapter, but they will, at least, let him know what I've added.

As I said, this has been depressing and not easy to live with. Those on "our side" who could and should have helped and who could have have quit, and I do not have to tell you about the blacks. Futilities are uncomfortable. I have too many and want to get past all I can. This seems to be one. So, if you will have any comments, please get them to me as soon as possible.

Hal, I wrote Garry a second letters saying I knew he was busy, but I am too, and would he please have a secretary let me know whether or not he is interested and in what areas, for I will be getting onto other work. His secretary said he is very interested in other threats and what happened, as I was certain he'd have to be. I then suggested he should also be interested in the FBI, its record, the dependability of its word, that of its agents and their reporting, etc. (US grand jury investigations of his clients). He knows he can get both parts of the book through Paul and that we have more than is in the book. This book is very important to his clients, but nobody knows it. It should be out now and discussed before there can be any proceeding, especially where they live. But there is nothing I can now do about that. I have spent much time approaching people, a number of whom have indicated interest and none of whom has done anything. The only "help" I got accomplished nothing but the waste of time and money. It was Gregory's referral to the lecture bureau, which does not even answer letters now. There are inconclusive indications of interference there, but the result is the same. But as of today, I have not been asked to make a single speech on this subject-not even without pay for it (which I will not do). And there are enough blacks who know, including militants.

Twixt and tween other things I've been reading Bishop's book, now that it is out in paperback. Incredible, even after spending that long night with him. These guys are less respectable than whores. He is so incompetent that when he steals, of all things, from Manchester, he even steals spelling errors. It is a kind of perverse fun to read. However, there are some interesting things I am noting as I go, because it is not necessary to assume he cannot ever be right and because people did speak to him. Best regards,