

Dear Dave,

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Jim White is carrying three cartons of books and records to you. This will save the university the shipping costs and is a kindness.

I do not know all that is included. For the most part Lil put these together while seeking to make room for the 10 file cabinets I have on order for the Dallas and New Orleans field office JFK files.

At one point she uncovered what I recognized as some of the records relating with the planned Nazi putsch in Santiago, Chile, that I had given to Jimmy Roosevelt for FDR's then-famous firechat chat. I do not know if these are complete, from ripping them I came to believe they are not. However, the CIA claims to have no copies. I did get and you will get the fact that the copies returned to me were found in the office of the man who later achieved some fame as Ambassador David K. Bruce. or he was a spook of that era. These photostats and pictures, which appear to be in good condition, are in a large white pouch-type file folder on which I've made a note about the fireside chat.

As Deloyd goes over this material it would be good for us to have a list of the volumes and an estimate of the number of individual pages so we can translate that in to an estimate of the number of pages of xeroxing. I would think that an estimate would do on the pages.

With the volumes, however, we may be able to get an idea of current value for tax purposes. Perhaps a rare-book dealer would provide this.

Some of these are LaFollette hearings, some Truman (preparedness) hearings, some relate to "azh" and similar activities, some to the munitions investigation, etc.

There will be more when I can get to it. I've found a box of clippings I intended for a work tentatively titled Sesop in the State Department. Also what appears to be what I did not know I had, some LaFollette records.

The remaining cartons of the first FBI HQ releases and the worksheets are here. Terry is placing them in file drawers, in numerical sequence.

I fear that you and Jim may be overly-concerned about imposing on each other. I hope it is not this way. He is quiet and modest and may not offer what I think could be very valuable first-hand information and impressions about China of the period of his life and work there and of many Americans who figure in it. I hope that while he is there you will be able to make a thorough oral history because Jim is so absolutely dependable, so solid a person, so sharp an observer, and so uninfluenced by external considerations. He has no fear of being interested, for example, in what others might regard as outre. I think he is a China expert in ways that some of the well-known State people of the period may not be - of those who are still alive.

It meant much to me to see how well he has come through what for anyone would have been a trying time and for him must have been so much more so. Jennifer was in every way an exceptional, a beautiful person. She had an extraordinary mind. Losing someone like her is more than losing a life-long mate. I was uneasy about this but I believe Jim has his head all put together as few could have done it.

While Jim was here JL and I had a number of conversations about the far-out Rays and the also far-out House assassins. I'm afraid that Jim and Lil were not able to pick it all up and that after the conversations I was not able to retell all of it. But I hope he is able to and thinks to communicate what of this mess that is both tragic and amusing he can.

Our best,