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Dear Dave,

Reference to Charles Patrick Clark in the enclosed Anderson column reminds me of the past and of what I forgot to tell you, I think, when I was there.

Someone Clark was infiltrated into the Senate committee for which I worked. He could not have been more opposed to the committee's work. Or have participated less in it. I then and since felt he was there for a purpose that did not include doing any of its work, probably to interfere with it or spy and report on it.

We had a nickname for him suggesting royalty or devotion to it or a desire for it, something like The Duke.

When my mind went back to those years I was reminded that in the course of some cleaning up in the cellar - barely begun - to make room for file cabinets - some of my UnAmerican committee files turned up. These are clippings, those not taken by the representative of The Hollywood Ten. They sent Dmytryk to see me, with a man who had worked on that Senate committee with me. This man was later charged with being a Communist, in the sense of membership. While I have no independent knowledge and no social relationship with him then or since, it can be true. This would lead me to believe that Dmytryk, who was the stoalie in the Ten, also had been.

I've located Dmytryk. He claims to have no recollection and no files. He probably turned them in to the FBI. If so, this can be one of the reasons they are so extra uptight about responding to my long -overdue FOIA.PA request for them.

Those files are invaluable, especially historically, because they include a complete record of every penny spent by the Dies version of the UnAmericans up to the point I had access to them. I moved a crew of three women in with typewriters. The Clerk of the House was aghast but the law gave me the right. They then changed the law. I have carbons of some, perhaps most if not all these financial records. Quite a story in them.

I believe it is in the Senate version of those kinds of files that I found and gave to Jack Spivack what resulted in his Coughlin book, Shrine of the Sikver Dollar. One of your students mentioned Spivack's latest book. I've not read it. I know where he used to be. I believe his records might be available. He did much work on native and foreign Nazis. While it has been years since I saw him he can be reached through his publisher. He used to live in a nice old farmhouse in Bucks County, Pa. This is north of Philadelphia and west of Trenton, N.J.

I also gave him, lacking any other probable outlet, what I got from the Silver Shirt files relating to a plot to throw FDR out. In it were a Neanderthal Congressman from Montana named Thorkelson and the then Army Chief of Staff, Malin Craig. The FBI, as I suspected in that day before xeroxing, filched those records before they returned the balance of the files to me. I still have the balance in the liquor box in which they were. But I felt that publication anywhere, even in The New Masses, one of Spivack's outlets, was better than total suppression.

I go into this, if in haste to make the mail so I can return to other work, not only because of your interest. ~~Exhaust~~ The impression of Chancellor Dreyfus I have is that he is the kind of man who would find this of yinterest. If you think so by all means tell him.

In time, if I can find time to think, perhaps more such stores of records can be located. In the hope of a permanent archive I have some of mine to the United Mine Workers, then a different union. This included all the hearings and reports of a number of committees for which I did and I worked and some I obtained, like those dealing with the economy, business and the war. I'd not be surprised if they'd part with them. I know they have other records. A friend on the history faculty at Washington, St. Louis, found reference to me there and gave me a copy. Best regards to all,