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Dear David,

Enclosed is a copy of my letter to your acquisitions librarian.

If this inquiry was prompted by you, I am willing to trust you with the two parts of which I think I have xeroxes on hand. We have to charge \$20.00 each for them, plus \$1.00 for postage and insurance, and we stipulate assurance that no use be made of permitted to be made of those editions. The amount of plagiarism is so incredible it seems paranoid to mention it but what worries me more is irresponsible misuse.

There have been revisions, in some cases extensive, since I did those two parts. I am not now in a position to make xeroxes of the hottest part, the final one now, and I have had to lay work on the appendix aside for other work. My wife has almost completed carding an index. When she has completed and typed this, I'll be in a better position to decide what can be included in the appendix. The worthwhile and unpublished documents I have could be in themselves very large books, many. I will have to work it out to fit the number of sigs in even pages.

If you have a few students who would like to undertake a few projects, I have a couple where we could use help. In one case, it would have to be a person who would not engage in idle chatter because there is the possibility of harm to the possibly innocent. This has to do with the African American Institute, in which I'm compelled to take a little interest. It is a CIA front of the past. I have a little on it. You can get a quick idea of what is involved from The Espionage Establishment by Ross and Wise. At least one of the present board, possibly more, have been engaged in dubious works with regard to the JFK assassination and the Kennedy family.

I have a rather extensive file of clippings on CIA foundation front, including a fairly extensive set on the NSA flap. More than a year ago a young friend was going to make a card-file index to these. Jim Lesar agrees it could be a worthwhile project. But there just are no students in this area with such interests, at least none any of us has reached. I discussed this with Jim Thursday. His experience is the same as mine with students in this area, meaning both Washington and around here.

I may be wrong, but I think there is the potential for both a doctoral thesis and a saleable book in these foundations. I'd have no objection to anyone with this interest duplicating this file, as you could whether or not it can be indexed. I also imagine I have more relevant materials I could find. In fact, some just came to mind, filed elsewhere, old stuff. If there were a student who might have such a thesis in mind, were he or she to make a name index of this material, it could be the beginning of understanding of the potential as well as a fair amount of the work needed for the thesis, I think.

I rather imagine you'd be surprised at where this can lead if the names of those connected with these foundations that fronted for the CIA were run through something as available as Who's Who. You'd find the present president of the American Bar Association served such a role and was, simultaneously, a member of the Texas ^{Court} ~~Board~~ of Inquiry (not the only one of that small body with this CIA past). I don't think this has ever been done, it could be a fascinating project and a worthwhile work, and I would guess that the names represent a major influence in society, industry, finance and politics.

There is just too much that others can't or won't do for Jim or me to engage in this kind of work, interesting as it would be.

I don't expect Lea knows of any possibilities of interest, but I don't think I exaggerate the value of my files as an archive and they are not stuffed with the typical paranoid crap. Aside from extensive film and tapes, I'm talking of more than 20 stuffed file drawers, countless books, etc.

Best to those I know.

Sincerely,

Harold Heisberg