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10/1/71 Dear Js, Often I fear that in the haste I do everything I may mislead. In answer to your offer to pay the cost of the pictures I'M getting, that is, the remaining cost, I told you that we always have needs, but not to worry about that. I was not intending to make a hint about the other things we need and, with what Lil didn't let me know until yesterday about our worse than usual financial condition, wouldn't get those things now if I could. However, it also turns out that I have spent the money given to me so that I could complete this picture matter, so I will gladly, accept your offer. The film was not ready yesterday when we were in DC. I hope it will be by this coming Tuesday, when we will be there again. I think I have located a place it can be handled locally, a photographer I can who gave up his studio and is now doing color work. If that is the case, and there is no point in inquiring until I can show the work I want done, I'll get an estimate. There is, of course, no reason for this long delay. It is merely part of the war of nerves the government wages. Aside from nastiness, they may, perhaps, think they are slowing me down, but that, too, is not the case. I always have so much more to do than at any one time I can, it really makes little difference unless I require the intelligence for immediate writing, which is not often and in this case is not so. I'm ~~leaving~~ leaving up odds and ends of filing, etc., so that I can be free when the mail comes, for I have one of the more disagreeable jobs ahead, writing the publishers, from whom I finally got a copy of the contract yesterday. I've read neither it nor the letter with it, for it will be unpleasant enough when I get to it. One hardly knows what to do with such crooks when a lawyer, on a 50% deal on several cases, some open-and-shut, does nothing and may be letting the statute of limitations run on me. Can I then take time to sue him? And How? I've been toying with the idea of trying to act as my own lawyer in NYC if I can't get other help from the principled young lawyers who principled young friends are supposed to be seeking out. Aside from non-performance, there is involved on F-U something like \$4,000, and we are within two weeks of pennilessness. Outside the hippie culture, I bet I have the last "garret" left! Best to both. PS. This also is not a hint and please do not act like it is. As always, we'll find a way.

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