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6/23/72 Dear Js, I have often wonder-  
ed if the phrase I so like from WWII,  
he had such friends they eliminated  
his need of ~~me~~ enemies, is original  
or something that lingers from read-  
ing in the mind without the source  
sticking to it. Anyway, such a thing  
has come to pass, rather abruptly  
and from two young men about whom I d  
did feel as though they were my sons.  
There is what may for the time being  
be an incimprehensible letter enclo-  
sed. I'll probably be sending you  
more from time to time for the reason  
explained last night. It brings crisis  
close and requires that, having writ-  
ten ENK the long enclosure, I must get  
get to postinf corrections on the  
master of PM on the event the pos-  
sible stink creates an interest and  
so that it can be accurately used.  
So, having skimmed your (I think-  
left it where I keep things to read,  
near a chair that is comfortable from  
wearing) 6/18, which arrived today,  
I thank you for it and the great  
stuff on Ge vais, which is exactly  
what I'd hoped you'd have out there.  
Every item you specify is relevant  
to the point I wanted to make, and  
Je'safterthought may perhaps be the  
most relevant. However, with the  
long procession of "working" com-  
pany, which made me lay this aside,  
and sudden and total silence from  
N.O. again, and this newest im-  
pending crisis, I must switch (which  
is not rather than fighting here but  
part of it) back to PM. I'll be  
writing only when the light is too  
bad for posting corrections in the  
master until it is all corrected.  
...You did send me a copy of the  
Paris-Match, but the last time I  
used French was in Africa in 1942,  
and that was the first time after two  
years in 1928-9...It was great of  
you (both) to take the time on the  
Gervais thing, and it exactly fits  
my hunch and need...I'd hoped to  
write you lasy night, recall trigger-  
ed by the worst storm in this yar  
parts in 40 years, about what it  
reminded me of and an adm@nition to  
keep a journal. If I have to cue  
off for a while, for my nerves are  
over-taxed, I may do that soon. But  
the immediate purpose is to acknowled  
ge and thank for the mailing. H