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Dear Philip:

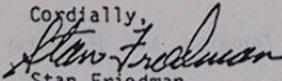
Thank you very much for your letter and statement and check for \$1000. I am pleased that I can help you ease your conscience and glad to hear that you are very busy for McGraw Hill.. so that the check won't hurt your bank account very much. Some further comments are in order.

1. Most of the copies I sent you with the ^{same} Pica type and size as used in the Cutler-Twining memo were copies of my copies of original documents from various files. The Cutler Twining memo is a blue carbon on onion skin and the xeroxes of it don't show it very well especially working with the rather poor xeroxes from the Archives. I am enclosing copies of a couple of my copies of carbons.. the type doesn't look very clean to me. I am sure you will note the difference.. Jumping to conclusions can be costly. of memos, etc.,

2. While you are right that the group I sent you did not use the TSR classification and the markings neatly in place as required, that does not mean one can generalize from these few samples to the larger picture of all NSC documents. I am enclosing a couple of examples of typed security markings only at the top "in the wrong place." Also enclosed are a couple in which the designation, isn't it amazing, is Confidential Restricted security information and one where the item was apparently SECRET restricted security information. There are I would suspect, having gone through so much material, a wide variety of security markings and combination which are not usually used.. one list even included TOP SECRET Code.. another TS Special Handling etc etc ad nauseum. There is a very wide variation in every aspect of the paper collection... not very surprisingly since it was before FOI and the staff worked very hard against tight deadlines.. some typing even being done as late as 3AM... Yes, I can prove that, too Jumping to conclusions based on insufficient study and investigation is costly.

3. Yes, of course, I had been to the Eisenhower Library before 1985 as had Bill Moore. This is no more surprising than that you have never been there or at the Truman Library. After all we also talked to more than 90 persons in conjunction with our Roswell investigation and you had talked to none. Is the point that those who have done the most thorough and detailed investigations are the most suspect?? You haven't forgotten that our Roswell Investigation began more than a decade ago and that I wrote a paper "The Cosmic Watergate.. or some such back in 1981? I would suspect that the real suspicion for most people, given your great persistence in attacking the documents and your persistently erroneous claims, insinuations, misrepresentations, etc about them, is what sinister reason is there behind the attacks? Obviously if the truth were your concern, you would do real research and investigation instead of leaping to false conclusion after false conclusion, each advanced strongly and each having no basis. Simply out of curiosity, whose instructions are you following?

Cordially,


Stan Friedman