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Dear Tom:

I have been having a lot of trouble with this typewriter so I hope I get through this letter without having to change over into my own scrawl. Thanks for your good letter which told me a lot I didn't know: namely that you were being prosecuted. I certainly hope that the issue is finally settled and that the law will be done away with as unjust, which I see it certainly is. It may drag through the courts for a long time and I don't envy you, but it gives a great deal of point to your protest and I see more and more the meaning of it. Incidentally since some of the New York papers picked up a statement published in Louisville and only gave part of it, I am sending along the whole story. Even the story as it stands is not as qualified as I would have wanted it to be since it is based on statements I gave out back at the beginning of December when I did not understand the whole issue properly. Some people may have quoted it to imply that I was just tromping on card burners and that's all.

The fact that you have been on TV with Congressman Pike is also great. Really I can see where this is all adding up to much more than I would have hoped. Now that Fordham has given you facilities for the conference you will certainly get something across. I am very interested in Staughton Lynd, and if he puts out anything on this please send it along. I wonder if I haven't seen something of his already. The Vietnam thing seems to me to be more and more complicated all the time. One thing is sure, that the people who want ~~more~~ war on both sides are very strong and articulate (especially China).

As to my participating in the conference in absentia, sending a paper to be read: that is one of the things I am not able to do. I have refused other requests for the same. That and prefaces and also blurbs I am no longer doing, except for several prefaces I had promised a year or so ago and haven't done yet.

Soon however I hope to send along the mimeo of the book (part of book) on the Constitution. It is a hurried job, and very general. I have the preface and will send a copy of that herewith. It doesn't give much idea of the rest of it.

I am glad Monica is better. I knew she was sick, but did not know what of. That is really miserable.

Got some good reports indirectly about Jim from the Coast, people saying they had seen him and that he was going strong. I am glad you are really getting the GPF off the ground now. I think it is going to do a great job. Not having any news I don't know how Johnson's efforts for peace made out but I imagine that they did not get very far with more and more soldiers pouring into Vietnam and huge bases being built out there as if we planned to go on with it forever. Probably will. God help us.

Is Dan back yet? I haven't heard a thing from or about him since he left.

I have been pretty well snowed in for nearly two weeks, of course I can get out easily enough, but I have been mainly concerned with bringing in enough dry wood to keep the place warm. It was about twelve below the other night, but good and snug in bed, anyway. Now on top of the snow we have a wicked sleety rain that really messes things up. All the best and all blessings to all of you in Christ,