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Dear Bob,

Houston and I spent last week-end with the Everett Cases, old friends, at Van Hornesville, and talked at length about the biography of Owen D. Young which they are writing. Ev is, as you know, very grateful to you for the copies of my interviews with Mr. Young which you sent him, and he was good enough to say that it was "hard to fault them".

There are, however, phrases that do not exactly prove out, mostly because O.D.Y.'s memory was failing. There aren't many of these, but some are important in that they represent a confusion in dates or in persons. As you know, I did not check back on what Mr. Young told me, but presented it as what it was - a series of interviews. Ev's later comments, based on his own research into the facts, would be valuable for any other researcher using the papers.

The question that then arises is how these should be treated in the Brookings material from which the one sent Ev was Xeroxed. If left without change, they might mislead another student using the material. On the other hand, those changes could not be treated simply as errors to be corrected, because they weren't exactly that.

We finally agreed that the best procedure would be for Ev to foot-note the Brookings copy as he has foot-noted his own, explain in a prefatory note that this has been done, and initial the foot-notes.

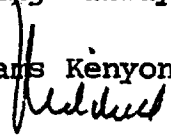
Do you think this might be practical? We did not discuss ways and means, but assume that one of us might go to Washington with Everett's annotated manuscript and make the indicated changes on the original. Unless someone else is actually working at Brookings on the papers, I see no reason for rush.

All this, of course, in the interest of research accuracy.

I hope all goes well with you, and that both eyes are now restored to comfortable activity.

Best greetings always,

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