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Dear Fred,

Enclosed is a copy of notes that I took at the meeting of a key professional group, which is well "directed" by the leaders of industry. This is one expression of their face that they do not turn to the public, or certainly not in this form. These notes confirm beyond all doubt the general impressions about the plans in industry, that we have. (Send them back soon)

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1948 — For example, the above ties in with the meeting on August 20, held by Forrestal at the Naval War College, Newport, R.I., for military heads. The "War Council" meeting.

In the Los Angeles papers there are stories about many incidents along the border of the American sector of Germany. It appears that those forces that want war, in this country, are trying to create a continuous tide of "incidents" and out of this tide, if it is not stopped or turned aside, to have large military engagements underway by the time they decide to declare war. We are certainly impressed by the number of incidents that have been created already, and of course by the ~~importance~~ newspaper "incidents" which are mostly fictitious.

At UCLA, one person told me that over one third of all research was for war in the near future, i.e. directed toward specific war use.

On the other hand about twenty members of the faculty signed a statement, ~~in cooperation with~~ condemning discrimination against Negroes in the Westwood barbershops, just off campus. This is a point of action by the Students for Wallace group at UCLA. They are picketing the shop (or shops). So, UCLA, from what indications that I have so far, has a growing resistance in the progressive ranks. And so it is with the entire Third Party movement.

→ I'm bothered by the small amount of community work that is under way bearing directly on building the Third Party. The meat boycott, struggle for union hiring halls, etc., will build the Third Party indirectly, but these situations of course must be utilized fully in a political direction.

All I started out to do in this letter was to send you some old notes. Since I couldn't help but write about the things that must be done today, let me go a little further.

What are you going to study next semester? What plans have you for future work? Could you keep an eye open for signs of inter-departmental graduate seminars?

Math 220, Phys 210  
Ph.D. Microbiology  
Econ 291  
(Send copy of paper)

Tell of Soc Inst. , Pol. Sci. Seminar , spread Cordelle

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This last question needs some explanation. It is a very interesting development to me. At Cal. during the last year, some dozen grads from different social science departments met to discuss mutual academic and social problems, with their combined view points. Joe Greenbaum, Psychology, was one of them. He was also a member of GSA. I haven't gotten in touch with Joe since I left Berkeley, however I would like to know what results the group has had and what they ~~px~~ are planning to do. The field is wide open for grads to begin to bring together their work in related fields. It is necessary to understand knowledge, and theory, as an integrated whole, with many interpenetrating parts. They were getting the idea pretty well. They wanted the Graduate Dean to make an official policy of holding open, joint grad seminars on various topics. The Dean declined, saying that there was not enough demand for it as yet. There is a new Dean now.

*note on Beck's*

This combination, or shall we say integration, movement is certainly of interest to you. Therefore I mention it. You may even have looked for this type of effort yourself, or may want to share in it in the future. You have a great interest in many ways. I enjoyed talking with you so much, and admire your aggressive work, that I do not put it past you to know about or look into group seminar efforts at Cal.

Do mention what you know in this respect, or what you at least think about the idea. I am keeping it in mind for UCLA.

You cannot answer too soon.

Yours,

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