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Dear Walter:

I enclose a copy of our interim directory, along with a copy of a note from Jerry & me.

We have a publisher for the conference papers (Seabury) and an early submission date for the revised, completed manuscript (April 15). In rereading your paper this morning several editorial suggestions came to mind, & I noted them in pencil on the copy of your paper which I also enclose. Feel free to adopt the suggestions that seem appropriate and to discard the rest. You may wish to make other changes as well.

I wondered about the term "recuperative methodology." It seemed to me that the term should have a definition attached that would make sense to the general reader. The term is in contrast to which other terms?

I also wondered about the somewhat mystical language of your final sentence. Do you mean that some of the Enlightenment sanctions may be useful in stabilizing a "meta-Enlightenment" enterprise? If so, does such a statement call for clarification or specification?

I particularly liked the language and content of the paragraph at the top of page eight.

I should have given this material to Mark Juergensmeyer to hand-deliver to you this weekend, for we have little time to settle all of the matters pending with regard to the manuscript.

Cordially,

George Baker
Associate Director

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