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I wonder how the sorting of the Keynes material is proceeding.

I do not know whether you know that Hayek is writing a memoir on Wittgenstein and in this connection he has now written twice to ask me if I can inform him about letters from to Keynes. They were of course close friends at one time. On the first occasion I robbed him off saying that I could not recall any such letters and felt sure that if there had been any of any note I should recall them. But now he returns to the charge. He has copies of letters from Keynes to Wittgenstein dated March 29th and December 27th 1924, which refer to letters from to him, and Hayek naturally wants to know whether these letters are in existence.

When I was working in 46, Gordon Square, I could probably have laid my hand on them if they had existed, since I had unfathomed all the secrets about which kinds of letters were to be found in which folders, drawers, etc., but now I suppose that everything has been thrown together, and I do not in the least know how far the re-classification has proceeded. Would it be possible, without intolerable bother, to ascertain if these letters exist? I feel I cannot ignore Hayek's enquiry. Hayek is a cousin of Wittgenstein. I am told, although I do not know, that Wittgenstein devotees are not opposed to his making this attempt. I suspect, between ourselves, that they would rather have someone quite innocent of philosophy do a memoir than have someone who thought he knew what 's philosophy really meant, which might be in ill accord with the views of the devotees.

Forgive my bothering you with all this.