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Committee To Investigate Assassinations
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Dear Ms Wyatt

Unfortunately an accident prevents me from attending the conference on the 23rd and 24th. My wife fell in the street, fractured her arm, underwent surgery, and is in the hospital. She may be released a day or two before the conference but will not be in condition to travel and can not and should not be left alone. This contretemps punctuated the preparation I was making in accordance with my letter to Mr. Festinger. Actually, I was almost two thirds through. I had finished a very short introduction and the first part on the assassination of Henry IV of France and was a few paragraphs short of finishing the second part on the assassination of Lincoln.

I plan to finish the three-part plan I projected but that will be after the conference. In the meantime, if I can manage it, I will complete the first two parts and send you the text in time for the conference for whatever interest and usefulness it may have; and later I will send you the entire text. If the Committee feels that has interest it might include it in a forthcoming bulletin or circulate it in some other way.

Again, I am disappointed in not being able to attend and participate in the conference. I expect you will be able to readjust arrangements to fill in the small hole my absence will make. If the Committee publishes minutes of the conference or papers read at it or other material in connection with it will you send me copies? I will be glad to pay the cost.

Regretfully,

Thomas Stamm

Syba, Sorry I won't be with you. The affair with May's aim turns out to be more disturbing of the routine of living and working, not to speak of mental and emotional preoccupation or, rather, emotional balance and intellectual concentration, than I thought at first. You will be your usual informative self and tell me what happens at the conference, blow by blow? Have a good conference!