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Dear Fred,

Please forgive me if this reply, and future replies to your letters, seems brief, hasty, or cold. We have just started the UN General Assembly and this time, unlike past years, we are also coping with a cholera epidemic in Africa and the Middle East. Normally the Assembly in itself produces an unbelievable work-load from September to Christmas and now the situation is exacerbated. So please do not misunderstand or feel offended if I seem to be abrupt—it is just that I can deal with personal mail only if I get up at 5:30 a.m. and devote an hour to correspondence before leaving for the office.

With that preface, let me respond to your question in your 9/8/70 letter about a photo of Roy Truly. To the best of my present recollection, I have never seen a picture of him. I have no mental picture of Truly except what formed subconsciously in my reading of his testimony and the testimony of others—a middle-aged, vinegar-y sort of man, who keeps a lot of things to himself. I will keep your request in mind, however, and if I do recall anything helpful or run into a Truly photo, I will write immediately.

In the small-world-department: I had a visit yesterday at my office from a woman whose job in our Geneva office corresponds with my job in New York, whom I had not seen since 1959 (when she held a different job, stationed in New York). Over lunch, Warren's name came up, and she then asked me (knowing of my work on the case), "How is Harold Weinberg?" She meant, of course, Harold Weisberg, and when I expressed surprise at her asking about him, she said that she had known him in Washington, more than 20 years ago, as "a brilliant investigator but insane." (This small-world item is also intended for Mary, so I am sending her a copy of this letter.)

It is 8:30 so I had better be off to the word-factory, as I have a 9:30 am meeting to attend. Much love, and please do excuse the brevity of this reply,

Sincerely yours,

P.S. Fred, you do not mention any contacts with Lifton since your previous letter. I assume the cold-war continues? I had a postcard from him, on some trivial matter, and simply filed it away without sending any answer.