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Dear Sylvia,

I have owed you a letter since your very nice note but somehow I am always behind schedule. For three months until about a month ago today that meant night and day and weekends on the Handler Chicago material. I had barely caught my breath when I was borrowed by Mike a week later and for three weeks have been working with him and Sinclair-Loutit on the co-ordination review. Enjoying it and particularly happy at the fine LUN document of which I am making maximum use. We are again on a seven-day week and I for one am beginning to feel the fatigue. In any event, on the personal side, I am on loan from PI only until the 15th at which point I revert to Handler and will be renewed at least until mid-March to work on the book for the U of Chicago press, which means at least "safe until spring".

BUT that is not why I'm writing. After that first lovely ref to your book I have kept my eyes peeled, but currently have a big stack of unread magazines and such, French and Italian, so as no source.

However you got a fantastic plug last night on French TV. There is a new programme on the second chain of ORTF which is expanded in importance as it is the colour programme and thus has many of the best features. The show itself is called "Camera 3" and includes each week a Huntley-Brinkley team reviewing the world press and so on.

Suddenly I heard them referring to the assassination and one man saying he thought interest was still high in the states but the market was exhausted in Europe. Then the other man (I have no idea who they are but I think you should ask Jacques Allibert of ORTF NY to get you the Kinney or at least a transcript) referred to a new book, leafed through it, said "who was the man with the umbrella" to show everything was milked dry but the book was not so hot.

Then he pulled another book onto his desk and said more or less "On the other hand there is an important new book by a woman, a Sylvia Marr, who works at UN, who never . . . and I started to write it phonetically as you see from my notes, scusi - for a minute believed the explanations that were given, and who dug thru every bit of the record, and who obviously is not trying to earn easy money because the big fad for Kennedy stories is over, but I find it remarkable, it is a systematic demolition of the testimony and she even recalls phrases which have almost been forgotten such as the statement of Chief Justice Warren that a day will come, maybe not during our lifetime, when all the facts will be known, but not now as it involves national security." Mind you I was cooking dinner, grabbed a stylo, scribbled on a biscuit box, and it may only be rough but it was a great plug and I think you should take steps to get hold of it.

Forgive this sloppy note but I was so delighted I wanted to write before I let it "get cold". You should be here doing this, but your memos are a great help. Mind you however that two people worked on them and I found one minor discrepancy for your own info, Part I, p. 7 on functional commissions, Soc Dev, refers to the fact that every 4 years WHO will prepare a special study of social implications of a partic health prog and activity. Part II p 8 refers to a report for the 20th session, Soliman in fact says it is for 1969. Which makes it a 2-year interval.

Anyhoo, back to work. I am swamped with documents and would love nothing better than a coffee break with you and a catch-up on events - love. E