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Dear Ray,

I really appreciate your note about the Hartogs piece. Not everyone has liked it, which I infer from the fact that comment was avoided or lukewarm. The only case in which that really troubled me a little was Sauvage, with whom I am on very friendly terms and whose opinion I value greatly. I was sure from his tone that he did not think well of the review--he was too polite to say so outright. So your note is reassuring.

My review of Epstein's book will appear in the July issue of TMO. Quite a controversy is building up within the group of anti-WR researchers about Epstein. Have you read INQUEST yet? Salandria's reaction was extremely negative; Maggie, too, is very critical of Epstein and regards him as an Establishment man--if I understood her correctly. I think he has been entirely too generous toward the Commission and its lawyers, as you will see in my review, but I know that his attitude is genuine and that he is no hypocrite withholding his real opinion of them. He is misguided, perhaps, over-cautious, naive--but he is no diabolical agent working for the Commission's objectives or its reputation, as has been suggested to me. I will be very interested in your reaction to the book.

Ray, I must ask you for a favor. I have been worried and distressed since I learned that Maggie was hospitalized again at San Francisco, not knowing what to think. When she called me from Beverly Hills on Friday, she did not sound good. Of course I did not and will not question her beyond what she volunteers but I am fearful of the implications. The favor I wanted to ask is that if you learn anything definite about Maggie's condition, and if you feel free to tell me confidentially how it seems to you, to please write me. I am hesitating even to phone her too soon, she sounded so weak on Friday and I don't want to tax her strength.

Thanks again.