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Dear Sylvia:

Yesterday I received a letter from Thompson explaining more elaborately than before his failure to note the dent on CE 543. Moreover, he acknowledged a measure of justification for my own view that he could not have avoided seeing it. His position viz a viz my feelings is awkward, I must admit, for the situation is such that he could offer nothing but his word that it was a careless oversight. I am willing to accept it, though it still leaves a foul taste in my mouth.

I am aware of charges of CIA or other agency against Thompson, but I try to resist them, for such charges are flying in all directions, even mine (an affair that caused me to lose the trust of an able young researcher here in ~~the~~ Canada-- something I deeply regret). I don't automatically reject such charges, but I do ~~reject~~ ^{reject} them. I thought that Thompson was putting forth stuff that he knew was wrong and had sought thereby to lend support to his dreadful analysis of the evidence (I have not changed my opinion about the book). To me, that is as bad as writing what "they" want written.

I hope the matter is closed. The last exchange of letters between Thompson and me was cordial (I think) and somewhat apologetic. Even so, there are bound to be hard feelings, for I am sure that I offended him badly.

Still,

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