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Dear Sylvia,

I enclose pages 11 through 21 of my diary, as well as 8 pages of quotations from letters sent to Garrison in the course of the investigation. I shall look forward to your comments on both. The letters are not entirely representative of the letters Garrison received, since he did receive at least a few which include some sensible remarks and suggestions; but these were few and far between, and were almost exclusively sent by people one might consider specialists in the field, such as Paul Hoch. (Have you heard from him, by the way? He is one person whose reaction to my situation and the Garrison overall picture I would like to know.) Nor should it be imagined that because Garrison received so many letters from crazy people—as he did—that he therefore took them seriously at all. But one can conclude that his rhetoric definitely seemed to appeal to the paranoid mentality in some way. I should be interested to know if you feel these letters constitute in any way a valid comment on the investigation.

If I seemed uncommunicative when you called the other night (about two weeks ago, perhaps,) it was not because I didn't want to talk to you, but because I had someone with me at the time—I should have let you know.

My moving uptown is definitely working out advantageously; I can get far more work done. As I believe you have never been to New Orleans you probably don't know what the French Quarter is like, but it is certainly not conducive to work when you are your own boss.

There is a man from Look in town, apparently doing a story on the Garrison-Shaw business. But I shall believe it when I see it. Two other Look men have been down here in the past on the case, and they all give the same impression—that they don't quite know what they're doing or why they're doing it. This guy seems better than the other two, and probably has a better story. He is after quotes from people to the effect that Garrison knew Shaw was innocent—stuff like that—which would also be a news story. I would gladly let them use material from diary, and will, but I would also hope they might be able to pay me something for this. Do you think this is reasonable? On the one hand I hate to seem to be trying to capitalise on the assassination, etc., but on the other hand I have no income at present, and my recollections etc about the Garrison investigation, if they are of interest to a national magazine, are surely worth paying for.

No progress so far in my case, although my lawyer tells me that if it is brought to trial, I will almost certainly be convicted. It will then be appealed, of course. He says they are "making noises" as though they do intend to bring it to trial. (My next court appearance—trial date still not yet set—is on May 7.)

Did you ever hear from Jones Harris again? I can only presume that his stunt about the Picayune not sending the paper to New York if ordered from New York was simply a method of getting a free subscription, because he never sent the money back to me. This is more a question of him being too lazy to write out a check than anything else, I think.

Could you please send me a copy of the memo I sent you on my meeting with Layton Martens. The original I'm afraid got destroyed in an unfortunate fit of panic I had around the time of the trial. Also, I was foolish enough to return a great deal of material to the office. However, I was checking through what I still have, and I have got a basic skeleton of the important memos from the investigation. I shall send you some of this material soon,

Best wishes,

Wm

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For some reason, I missed the March 21-28
LA Tree Press. Did it have anything of
interest in it? If it does, could you send
me a copy? Tom.