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Dear Bob,

Very sorry to hear that you have mononucleosis. Take care, you hear?

I am delighted that the Progressive decided to tell Mark Lane like ~~he~~ is and I hope it starts a new wave...Just imagine, if all who were maligned in his latest book, or suffered other experiences with our senior critic and vice presidential candidate, also socked it to him. (I'm experimenting with hippie/yippie vocabulary and may not be using it aptly.) It would give me real pleasure.

A few weeks after I wrote to you with copy to Tom Bethell, I received from Tom a copy of a memo he had written to Garrison (or pretended to write to Garrison, so as to send me a copy rather than a direct communication). He was reporting on the results of an inquiry I had been asking for a long time to be made, on a point of evidence related to Oswald's arrest in New Orleans and his alleged request to see an FBI agent. Tom had finally contacted Lt. Martello and the latter confirmed that Oswald in fact did make the request (which is not necessarily conclusive, of course). I wrote and thanked Tom, and also sent him an account I had written of the gaps and contradictions in the evidence surrounding this point, in case it was of interest to him. In the same letter, I urged him not to abandon work on his ms.

You may be interested in a note I just received from Tom: "Sorry not to have written for so long. Recently I found it was becoming almost impossible to think about the assassination in any way. However, I shall try to get some sort of a clarification off to you of my letter to Bob Ockene (of which you got a copy and sent reply etc.)." (He then went on to send me a copy of a letter which he thought might interest me, on an unrelated matter, so I am reassured that we are still friends.)

No other news, these days. It is a very quiescent period for the WR but I suspect it will revive after the election and near 11/22/68, which will be five years since Dallas. Do you suppose the time has come for you or Bob Amussen to prod Dick Seavers of Grove? They've had Accessories for five months now and I suspect that they will let it hang for another year unless we push. I am getting so annoyed that I don't guarantee that I will not send them a real nuclear letter any day now. (Maybe today.)

Fite illitarcy! Love,