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Dear Beverly Brunson,

I had intended to bring with me your letter, received last night, in order to reply during this lunch hour. In my haste, I took the wrong envelope, and will therefore have to rely on my recollection.

I do thank you very much indeed for your kind words about ACCESSORIES and your unkind words about Fred Graham. His review was, as my editor put it, not even a good bad-review. Perhaps he finds the literary style of the Warren Report less distasteful; but I suspect he has read neither the Report nor either of the two books he "reviewed." At least, he read only enough of each to claim some acquaintance with the contents and point of view.

Fortunately, however, Graham is one of only perhaps four reviewers who was negative. I modified the doggerel originally aimed at Liebler so as to address those four, copy enclosed. Also enclosed, excerpts from some of the favorable reviews.

The last two months have been difficult and unhappy, because of the illness and then the death of my father, in January. I am now the last one left in my immediate family; but my three neices, and their offspring, are great comfort.

Please forgive me for failing to comment more fully on the items in your letter, which I will re-read tonight with renewed pleasure. And my warm thanks, again,

Sincerely yours,