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Dear Mrs. Meagher:

I read Childhood's End yesterday and am much affected. Too much so to say much for fear of not saying the right thing. Thank you for recommending it. I hope you will have time to recommend some more.

I am grateful that you cared to share your excitement with me over the publication of your book. I hate to be 41st on your list, but better 41st than nothing. I feel sure the book will have a good reception and that your friends do not mislead you. I think the assassination is the most important issue in the country, and in a way, contains them all. So it is important that you have finally written your book: it has been missing too long.

I have fallen into turbulence since I last wrote you. I met a young Negro woman - beauty in the bones. Married, two children. I had wanted to know her for a long time for she has a very haunting beauty and the kind that is intelligent. But this is like a small southern town. Race is there. And I am in a perfect agony, and rage that this world should be so foolish as to get between me and that fabulous face. What I am trying to say is that we cannot even be friends without becoming activists and militants, and that's got nothing to do with it. It's utterly beside the point. Queen Isis is digging some kind of a pit for me, I know it. I consulted the Tarot and it threw me every fatal card in the pack. I hate Her sometimes.

~~to my mother~~
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