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Dear Sylvia:

You are absolutely wonderful! I'm so excited - I never expected to be able to get an uncropped version. Maggie and I were discussing the other 14 pictures that you mentioned. Did you make a list of their numbers and subject matter? We thought we might all get together and pay for them. Did one of them show a scar in the concrete of Elm Street that Jean Hill mentioned?

I thought perhaps Steinbaum might have called you while he was in New York. Hey - Ramparts might buy the pictures if they are interesting.

Dave called Ramparts again and found that Welsh is now in Spain. He also found out that they intend starting with the June issue instead of the April issue they said before. So with Steinbaum just returned from Cambodia and Welsh now in Spain I guess that explains why none of us have heard anything.

I got the minority of one and Salandria didn't change one word from the original article that Ray and I and Dave all tried to get him to change. I feel sure that the second part will include the 292 hit theory if it follows the same article which I'm sure it will. All our letters fell on deaf ears and a closed mind. He offers no evidence to support that 292 theory - he just says it is so and we haven't convinced him otherwise. I'm sorry - I think it will do harm and not help the cause one bit. If he had any evidence at all - he doesn't even argue. He never answered that letter I sent you the copy of. He has closed his mind and that's it.

I do hope you get a copy of the proceedings of that meeting of Forensic Sciences. I'm dying to see it.

I enclose ^{the copy of} ~~the~~ a clipping from Maggie and a report of my conversations with Gru. There are a couple things more I'd like to find out from Gru

but I'm ruined already this month from the telephone.

How about you trying your luck? You're very good at it and he wasn't at all reticent - ① I forgot to ask him if Walther's had mentioned anything at all to him about the bullet that scarred the curb over on Main Street? About his finding the chipped curb, etc. Also, ② I'd like to find out if Walther's told him the identity of Sheriff Bill Decker when he pointed himself out in the picture. Or if he let you think it was the FBI or Secret Service man. Or, maybe, you recognized Sheriff Bill Decker or then again maybe he, you, didn't know it was Decker until I told him.

Guin's telephone at Seac Cliff, Long Island, N.Y. is area code 516 OR 1-6764. He said he bought "all the pictures" at the Times-Herald office the night of the assassination. He also took a picture of Walther's pointing out the spot. Maybe he'd show them to you - maybe even let you buy copies from him. If he bought "all" the Times-Herald's picture then he has a copy of the picture showing the scar in the concrete of Elm Street mentioned by Jean Hill because she mentioned that the picture appeared in the Times-Herald.

Do what you think is best but you're very good at getting information. He seemed friendly - maybe he'll tell you some interesting things we don't know about. I would like to find out if Walther's mentioned the chip on the curb of Main and also if he knew it was Decker.

Here is my thought - I think Ex 399 was a planted bullet ~~at~~ on the stretcher at the hospital. The bullet that hit the SE corner of the inlet concrete would be deformed. The bullet that chipped the curb on Main St. would be deformed. But the bullet that Walther's found in the soft turf would not be deformed. He says he turned it over to an FBI man or Secret Service agent. There were bath FBI and Secret Service men ^{in and out} ~~at the~~ of the hospital, as well as police and sheriffs, before

President Kennedy's body left the hospital. Exhibit 399 -
supposedly found on the stretcher just before the body left the
hospital was not deformed. You see my thinking on this?

Do what you can. I repeat, you're wonderful -

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