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Dearest Sylvia:

Well, Arch is home. I visited him for a while last night. He looks good but hasn't gained enough weight back yet... He still can't move out of his bedroom (there is a bath adjoining the bedroom and he can walk that far) but it won't be long before he'll be able to go down the stairs once a day.

I took Arch a big stack of books, among them the Parallax View. I told him it was "go-to-sleep" reading. I went out and bought two copies the minute you wrote about it. I thought it was extremely interesting. Do you know if Loren Singer is the real name of the author, or not? The biographical sketch in the back of the jacket was indeed "sketchy" and I had the feeling it was a pseudonym...

Carol Anne is moving to Kansas City this weekend. She flew up there for an interview, the last time you called, in fact. She had called me earlier in the evening and told me she didn't think she would make it back before morning. But then while you and I were on the phone, she knocked and called to me at the door. Trans-World Airlines offered her almost twice what she is making with Braniff and gave her a two-year contract. A year and a half ago, Pan-Am offered her \$500 a month more than Braniff was paying her (and moving expenses, etc.) to go with them. Braniff raised her \$500 but she remained the lowest paid one in the department... The bad thing is that Carol Anne has no college math, physics, or computing courses. They will hire a young graduate from North Texas State College and Carol Anne will have to train them and they are brought in at more than Carol Anne is making... This time, they offered to meet Trans-World's offer, but Carol Anne explained that it would take on the hint of blackmail if she stayed with Braniff again. Trans-World told her they weren't interested in her "college" just her knowledge and experience. They also said they'd never hired anyone at such a tremendous increase over their present salary before, but it was because she had been so grossly underpaid.

Harold Weisberg must be very busy with "other things" these days. I'm not being bombarded with his epistles at the present time.

Sylvia, I want to call one thing to your attention regarding the recently declassified documents. If you don't have them yet, I'll send Xerox copies of these particular ones immediately. (Most of the stuff is completely unimportant - as this may be.) There is a mass of stuff regarding an Edward Baumgardner who worked for Collins Radio and was pro-Castro and had tried to join Fair Play for Cuba. Most of it is trivia but his address on 11/22/63 was 300 Greenbriar. This street is only one block long (the 300 block) and Plowman runs into it there. Downey,

George Senator's friend, lived on Plowman right at Greenbriar, and Joe Cody (the policeman who was an expert on locating safes - according to Jack Ruby) (he went down in a plane near Shreveport the day LHO was killed) moved to Plowman, at Greenbriar, right after the assassination. On the map which was found at 1026, the one LHO had marked up with 15 markings, there was a grill drawn over Greenbriar and Plowman, completely different marking from the other 14 on the map. Arch and I spent one whole day in 1969 studying the map. We copied each mark and then had a photostat of the map made before they laminated it that afternoon. I hated to see them laminate it although it was literally falling apart... There may be absolutely nothing to this whole thing, but I'd like to get your ideas on the relevance of the material about Baumgardner with this bit of information in mind. It is in CD 1085 as I recall now (I am at the office and writing from memory).

I received a letter from Tom Bethell the other day... the first one since Christmas. He has moved back to the French Quarter and is on an assignment for the Stern Foundation. He said he was relieved that Garrison seems to be relatively quiet these days. The last time he wrote he felt that Garrison was about to emerge again with some startling "disclosures" etc...

I do hope your work is going smoothly and you are going to be able to take that nice rest in the cottage that you are looking forward to. I also hope Allegra is perky and eating her baby food and liver... I'm still hoping I can join you for at least a weekend while you are there.

Be sweet to yourself and to Allegra...

Love,

Mary