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Dear Mary,

At first I was afraid to open your letter of the 4th but instead of the bad news I feared I was delighted to read that Arch had improved enough to go home! Please give him my warmest regards and good wishes, when you see him next. He is such a very dear person, and has such a lovely family, that I do rejoice for them and for you at his return home.

Loren Singer is not a pseudonym, it turns out. In fact, I located his name in the Westchester phone book and called him one night, some weeks ago. To my amazement and disbelief, he disclaimed any relationship between his book and the JFK case or the Zapruder film! The most he would acknowledge is that he may have been influenced, subconsciously, by the little he had read about the case. He had never heard of me, wanted to know when my book on the WR would be published, and when I said that it had been out for several years, he asked me for a copy to read. What do you make of that? Perhaps he did not wish to say anything on the phone, to a stranger, but I had the impression that he was not dissembling.

I do not have the declassified CDs and haven't seen or heard about the ones you discuss in your letter. I'd be interested to see them but from what you say you and Arch have left nothing undone, at least on the contiguity aspect.

Tom Bethell had a short piece on the Hoffa/Partin affair in a recent issue of The Nation, at just about the same time that Clay Shaw obtained a permanent injunction against further harrassment by Garrison. In his article Tom mentioned that Audie Murphy had hand-carried a letter to the Prez (Tricky D---y) on behalf of Hoffa. The next thing, Audie Murphy was killed in a plane crash! I wonder if he will make Penn Jones' list? (By the way, my subscription to the Mid.Mirror has just expired and I do not intend to renew it, as it almost never has any news on the case any more; so if future issues do carry any items not reported in the news media, perhaps you will mention them to me.)

I have xeroxed information on my summer address and how to get there, to send to you and a few others whose visits I would welcome. It is all ready to be mailed as soon as I can get confirmation of the phone number which is being assigned. In fact, I will mail it with this letter, and if there is any change in the phone number I will drop you a further line. I really do hope that you will find it possible to come, for a very long "weekend", Mary--do try.

My niece Diane gave birth on Friday the 4th of June to her second child, another daughter (Julie Ann; Amy is  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ). So I might be quite ebullient, but for Allegra's deteriorating condition. She has lost a great deal of weight and is pathetically feeble. But I have located a young veterinarian who has given me some encouragement that he might be able to help her and have taken today off from work in order to take her to his diagnostic center for examination. Wish me luck, Mary, because I am so distraught about Allegra that I hardly know what I am doing and my mind just cannot function properly with all the anxiety and grief I feel.

All my love,

Ever,