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Sybil Dear -

We must more than we even suspect, be operating on the same wave length - for just minutes ago I decided to look under the door for mail and, at that very moment, the envelopes from you were being slung through! I must say I felt a severe sense of shock over the dreadful & once-again chilling news of Lee Bowers' demise!

Pause till Tuesday, the 23rd Aug! I am now in Brittany visiting friends until the 27th when we go down to the Basque Country.

The "pause" was occasioned by my husband's arrival in Paris late Thursday (I waited four hours at Orly for his overdue plane) and by our daughter's arrival on Friday (she too, was an hour late) from London. We had Saturday together in Paris and at 8:00 A.M. Sunday we left for Brittany.

Anyway, to resume - I can't get over this latest horror. Surely, there can no longer be doubts even among the ~~most~~ least skeptical, now - can there?



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And it's apparently perilously close to Penn, isn't it? Any word from him since the "accident"? Knowing his behaviour in the past few months, I'm sure his silence is even more deafening!!

I deliberately waited to write you until I had seen Buchanan, thinking he might have something of interest to impart. I lunched with him last Tuesday & spent several hours ~~but not~~ with him but, as foreseen I was the news bearer of the 2! He's got a good article on the "peripherals" all set to be published but can't complete it without certain key answers from Penn, who has never complied. (I phoned him the latest shocker!) At this point, I, too, am becoming apprehensive about writing or phoning such news. What a foul business!

My son greeted me on my arrival at Orly with a full page + article in the London Observer of Aug. 8th (I believe) by Anthony Howard in which he demands that the X-rays be revealed + that R. F. K. make a committing statement on all the "mysteries" revealed by Ed. + Lane. It's a very strong article & wasn't ignored because my husband brought me the San Francisco

CHRONICLE OF THE ASSASSINATION

Chronicle of August 14th or 15th the front page of which bore war-type headlines "KENNEDY ASSASSINATION" etc., etc. and following them up was Howard's complete article!! I could hardly believe my eyes & certainly feel that God has forced the dam to break, followed of course, by Weisberg's Lane. I'm sure the major papers & periodicals in the States have had to take up the cudgel of the "forbidden subject" & I guess you're getting all the clippings & hardly know where to keep them at this point. No one whom I know in France has ever believed differently from us. I dare say only in the U.S. has such a strict behavior prevailed!

Please if you get a moment, write me the latest to the: Hôtel du Palais

BIARRITZ (Basses Pyrénées), FRANCE. We'll be

there from the 29th till the 7th September. I feel so cut-off at a time when hell really seems about to break loose! I hope you are at least able to profit to some degree by your vacation from the 1 job & have been able to get some much-needed rest. I think of you and send much love and everlasting gratitude for your consideration, past & present.

What about Manchester???

Most affectionately, Maggie.