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Dearest Maggie,

Now I AM worried—Life Magazine has joined our side. No; I am only being a bit facetious. Actually, it is an index to the power of the attacks on the WR that even Life, committed as it has been to the WR, has had to reverse itself.

I am sure you will be seeing the NY Times story of 11/21/66 on the Life editorial. I have only one copy and they sold out before I could get a second. In any case, it is distressing to find that Lane again said on the air that Trevor-Roper had received a message from RFK to keep up the good work but that Trevor-Roper categorically denied (11/20/66) ever receiving such a message. I don't want to say I told you so to Ray; his loyalty to those he admires is one of his most fine qualities, but this seems to be one of Lane's too-frequent acts of irresponsibility—plus the declarations that he will file suit and the failure to do it—these things will discredit Lane himself and unfortunately will be regarded by some people as reflecting on all the critics.

In spite of these minor setbacks, the tide is with us, beyond a doubt. When you get discouraged, think of all that has happened since only June, and take heart. We are giving them a real punishment, even if the final victory is still distant. They cannot come up with anything (or they would have by now) that will materially alter the grounds for repudiating the WR, and they seem to be in total disarray. I am very optimistic.

All my love, dear friend
and colleague,