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Dear Mrs. Meagher:

What a nice letter I received from you yesterday. It boosted my spirits so much. Out of the various letters delivered at the same time, yours was the only one that seemed to be in response to what I had actually written. All the others left me more confused than ever, as if the writers had read only every other line and yet I know this is not true.

Finally, Bob Ruark tells me he has confirmed a definite date for you on the radio. Wonderful. He will be announcing it and plugging your book two or three times each night until the 8th. This will give the super-patriots time to prepare their diatribes according to formula. Try not to let them get all hung up on your work with the World Health Organization. But then, I don't need to give you advice on handling this kind of thing. You have had enough experience before this.

Thank you for Paul Hoch's memo on the handbills and his address. I have written, asking for any further work on this subject. In April he had sent me a copy of his CD list to help with mine. One impressive thing about my mail yesterday, no matter how confusing the rest of it may have been, was the fact that there were three, including yours, suggestions to contact Mr. Hoch.

It really does me good to learn that someone else can't find a particular thing in his files. Or her files. Mine are in a constant state of mess. I suppose having a couple of cat-people could be used as an excuse. Whenever there is any stack of paper, they dearly love to make a flying leap which may be fun for them but which loses me up to an hour in re-arranging things. One of them eats paper whenever she gets a chance. She has eaten letters, notes, rubber bands, etc. None of it has hurt her, apparently. Cast-iron stomach, that's what. Nothing is more frustrating, however, than to know for sure you have filed something where it should be filed and then find that you either didn't file it there or else a poltergeist has taken up residence.

How can Truman Capote be so smart and so stupid, all at the same time?

Something that disturbs me is what is going on in New Orleans right now. No matter whether or not Jim Garrison should be doing what he is doing, surely the federal court won't comply with Clay Shaw's request to make the Warren Commission Report binding in all courts for all time. Yes; I guess they might. Isn't it at least a little unusual for a federal court to contemplate rulings as requested by Shaw's attorneys? This could mean that there might never be anyone brought to trial without asking the government for permission first.

It is so good to be assured you are not giving up. I don't suppose I really thought you might but I was concerned. Whenever you need encouragement, let me know.

Your letter on the "violence commission" is excellent. You express things so well - I always find myself saying, "That is what I'm trying to say." Good thing we have someone like you to put it so clearly. Keep it up.

With best wishes for you and hope that things will be better soon,

Most sincerely,

