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Dear Mrs. Hartmann,

I value very greatly your 13 June letter and your open-heartedness and always-generous encouragement. Never fear: discouraged, yes, but I have not abandoned work. On the contrary, it is necessary to work longer and harder than ever. For me, it is hard to comprehend those people who were genuinely shocked, grief-stricken, and deeply disturbed by the assassination of Robert Kennedy, or of Martin Luther King, but who resumed their "normal" activities almost at once. Even less do I understand those who didn't even spare the time or energy for even a few short days of preoccupation with events which they seem to regard as wholly divorced from their personal affairs.

Our view of the society in which we live and of the political forces which are at work in this country are very similar. I have escaped almost entirely the kind of ugly harrassment you related in your letter, having been subjected solely to one anonymous communication insinuating, if I recall it correctly, that all the critics of the WR are Jewish and/or Communists. On the other hand, I have received quite a few (signed) letters from strangers whose deep concern about the situation in which we find ourselves as a country, whose perception and commitment, have been very heartening. It is further confirmation, if we need it, that the human creature can reach to the limits of good, or of evil. But I should not wander into the realms of philosophy.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I have sent, on the "violence commission." Also enclosed are notes by Paul Hoch, who has made a very painstaking study of the suspicious features of CE 2966 and CE 1412 which I wanted to send you but which I could not locate in my files. I am really sorry that I could not put my hands on those notes, or series of notes, but if I remember correctly, I received several pieces from Hoch on the subject, the last of which suggested that Hoch had reconciled all the apparent contradictions and anomalies and no longer suspected tampering with the exhibits in question. Since I cannot locate these notes from Hoch, and I am sure that they would be helpful to you, I would urge you to write to him directly and ask him for copies. His address is 2537 Regent Street, Apt. 202, Berkeley, Calif. 94704. I am sure that he would be glad to let you have the notes in question.

I am very annoyed with my filing system, I must admit, which has seldom if ever before failed me. But I have apparently misfiled the Hoch material.

With warm personal regards and thanks, and looking forward to hearing from you again soon,

Yours very sincerely,