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Dear Mrs. Hartmann,

I am so despondent that it is difficult to be coherent, but I did wish to thank you for your letter and your further efforts with Mr. Ruark. As you say, the determination and persistence of the newcasters and commentators to brain-wash the public, not only about Oswald but about our whole society, their persistent reassurance that we are not "sick" and not violent, their business-as-usual frenzy—it is truly enraging and makes one conscious anew of the helplessness of the individual against this vast machine and its innumerable lackeys and toadies.

The ironic thing is that even if Sirhan really is a lone assassin, we will never be able to believe it. Too many false "lone assassins" and trumpeted too glibly and too early.

Things are grim indeed.

My best to you, and to Mr. Sorensen.

Sincerely yours,