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Dear Sylvia,

I have just received the CTIA's program for their conference next week, and noted that you will be a panelist. For some time I debated making a special trip East, but I have decided against it. The major benefit of such gatherings seems to be the opportunity to talk with people informally. I concluded that my money would be better spent on some long-distance phone calls. You are one of the people I would especially have wanted to talk to in Washington. So, I would like to suggest that you feel free to call me, collect, before or during (or after) the conference if you have the time and interest. (The best time would be after 5 p.m. your time; I am usually at home alone in the afternoon. Evenings would be less reliable but also fine.)

I see that when we last exchanged letters, two years ago, the melon matter was still a major problem. I recognize that I made serious mistakes, especially in springing a paper on my friends without correctly indicating its status as a draft, and without discussing my own position as distinct from Alvarez. I avoided discussing those details because I felt that what I wrote had to stand or fall on its own merits. I still insist that we did a valid scientific experiment that is relevant to an analysis of the assassination. I deeply regret that my motives and good faith became a point of debate, rather than the merits of the work. I think I could explain how I got involved with Alvarez and how I got him to see the limitations of the results in a way that would lead you to soften your criticisms of me. Of course, if this is no longer a major issue between us I see no need to dig it up.

Since I finished my thesis and related work last January, I have been working on the case full-time, and trying to put a book together. I hope that I will have the benefit of your comments and information in the future. It would be good to hear from you.

Sincerely,

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