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Dear Sylvia,

Jerry Policoff said that you would be returning from your cruise around this ~~time~~ time. I hope it was pleasant for you.

The enclosed teletype message gives the most pressing bit of news from out here - a real second-generation critic. So far it's been a very good experience; ~~much~~ fewer ~~of~~ problems than we had anticipated.

Jerry mentioned that he had been keeping you informed about the HSC. I thought you might be interested in the enclosed material. I think you can detect a gradual change in my attitude towards the Committee! Jerry and I now have the executive session transcript they accidentally released, and I'm afraid they almost make the Warren Commission look good! We are getting a replay of various things; for example, I'm sure that for some people Sprague (and DeMohrenschildt) will play the same role as Garrison (and Ferrie). We now have the babushka woman - the House Committee's own version of Helen Markham - and Preyer talking about laying doubts to rest, sounding like Earl Warren. As far as I can tell, the House Committee has never really grasped the complexity of the evidence. I have been very mindful of your comments on Garrison in 1967 (which we used in the anthology). Most of the people I have talked to seem to understand how badly the House Committee has performed, so I hope we'll avoid making the same mistake we ~~did~~ made re Garrison. But ~~if~~ I guess they will be around for a couple ~~years~~ of years, and they may stumble across something good (or get their act together), so it will be an interesting period.

With best personal regards,

Paul

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Enclosures:

9/24/76 memo to Feeney (in Downing's office -
he asked for a memo)
10/12/76 x to Dodd
11/27/76 to Dodd's office
1/8/77 comments on the interim HSC report
1/19/77 to Dodd (re leaks to Anderson)
3/9/77 re CIA Mexico tape in Dallas
4/3/77 to Dodd
4/3/77 notes on "new leads"