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Dear Sylvia,

Here's the manuscript! As ~~we~~ explained before, it's for your eyes only. We won't be sending it to the publisher for ~~another~~ another week~~s~~ or so. Comments in any form - e.g., dictated on tape cassettes - will be welcomed. Since we've been working under such time pressure, comments from the outside are particularly needed. Feel free to callus, too. (Evenings is best.)

I don't think you'll have ~~any~~ any trouble in telling who wrote what sections, or which have to go through at least one more draft as soon as possible. (Russ, our main rewrite man, got through the hurricane in Puerto Rico intact, but he spent a couple of pretty terrible days.)

I'm finishing a rewrite of Chapter 2B, which I'll ~~send~~ send when done.

Since I had an extra copy sitting around, I've included (as '3X') my draft of a section on the non-acoustics evidence, which has been replaced by Tink's Chapter 3. So, this is for your information only.

I did intend to ~~send~~ send you the original carbon of part of Ch. 7 - I have a master copy. ~~Same~~ Same for Ch. 10.

Tink has started to edit Chapter 9; Peter is finishing up Chapter 16. (If he has it finished tomorrow, I'll enclose~~d~~ the rest.)

I've enclosed a piece Pat Lambert sent us, on the Secret Service. Logically, it would fit (at Ch. 9C), but there are problems, such as the fact that we may have too much material already. I would like to know what you think of it.

Mark Allen has also done a memo on the CIA & LHO in Mexico, which we could use if we wanted it. I haven't ~~enclosed~~ enclosed a copy, since he may have sent it to you already. (If ~~not~~ not, let me know.)

After you've had a chance to look at the whole ms, I can fill ~~you~~ you in on some of my ~~problems~~ problems with it. I don't want to bias your reading, and we're all looking forward to your candid comments. I hope it'll be a welcome change from indexing!

I'm also enclosing my 9/8 newsletter, the pages from the Communications Index which Harold sent me, and a cartoon which I hope has no relevance. (On the Communications Index - I'm not too excited about getting it at this point. Perhaps the 1963 part, or the 1967-on part, would be worth the money. Right now I'm just not looking for more things to read - ~~although~~ although I expect that the Dallas and New Orleans field office files ~~will~~ will have some real~~ly~~ good stuff.)

Thanks for your letters of 8/30 and 8/31; I've already returned the Vol. XI index (with an extra copy for Jones Harris).

I don't expect to make it to Bud's conference. I'll probably try to send something - maybe we can send part or all of the book ms - and maybe make my 30-min speech on tape, and/or spend a few hours on the phone that weekend. If I hadn't used up most of my vacation time on this book, I would jump at the chance to take another leisurely cross-country train ride. If you can find some way to get there yourself, I would like a report. Otherwise, I guess I'll just have to wait until Bud gets out to S.F. again.

With best regards,

*Paul*

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