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Dear Sylvia,

My apologies for not having written earlier. My parents just left yesterday, after a 3-week visit, and it'll take a while for me to get back to normal. Of course, the book is taking up far too much time. We don't have word yet from N.Y. whether it's accepted; we hope to hear soon.

I distributed and read carefully your comments on the manuscript. They were all helpful. I think it's been substantially improved by the editing we have done since the draft you saw. We've put in more on Mexico, but there are still many topics which aren't covered as they should be. I'll try to get around to specific comments on the points you raised soon.

Re the Justice Department ~~documents~~ documents: of course, I am in principle willing to share costs, but I would want ~~to~~ to know how many pages are involved, etc. first. I'm not sure it would be worthwhile to get the whole file. As I understand it, this material isn't available yet, so I can defer a specific decision.

Here is:

Your index to the ~~firearms~~ firearms part of Vol. VII, with 2 copies; Mark Allen's memo on the HSC and Mexico (which we are not using, although it is very good);

Russ' chapter on military intelligence;

The last part of the old Chapter 8, on the HSC report.

In haste, ✱



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