Dear L.A. and Penn,

I hear you've been taking California by storm—at least, judging by the tape of the interview with Pamela Mason, which Maggie Field sent me. Isn't Maggie the greatest? I know she liked you both very warmly and knowing you all, I am sure it was mutual.

Could I hope for a letter one of these days, bringing me up to date on things in general?

Last week Vince cornered me to do a broadcast in Philadelphia, which I was glad I did even if I got back home at 4:30 a.m. and had to report sick the next day. I had three hours interrupted only by commercials and phonecalls from well-informed listeners who have very strong feelings about this case—feelings much like our own. The next night I was asked to do another radio program, in New York City this time, with Sauvage and Kupferman and two other guys, a lawyer and a man who is campaigning against mail-order guns, neither of whom knew a comma about the case. I had a grand time.

Then the next day Ray Marcus arrived and I got to meet him Saturday morning. He is younger than I thought, and a very handsome and bright guy—and almost as opinionated as I am! We spent all day Sunday with Vince Salandria at my place and I expect Ray will be back for a short visit on his way home. He has some very impressive photographic analyses, which I guess you saw too.

I couldn't get too much of a lead on Kupferman at the broadcast. He seems genuine in his concern and his intentions—he does not know a hell of a lot and is keeping to the safe and respectable line of the Commission's integrity not being under fire. Just a bunch of innocent errors, folks.

Do youssuppose the Manchester book will ever see daylight? I might not mind quite so much if they were trying to suppress it because it endorses the WR but I am afraid the sad truth is they are trying because it will hurt LBJ's feelings. It's getting harder and harder to keep an open mind about the Ks.

L.A., do write--I know Penn WON'T, now that he's a Famous Author and Star of Radio TV and Great Guys.

Much affection to you both,