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Dear Sylvia,

Thanks for your 27 Nov. letter. I've read some of the reviews on your book and I'm glad to see that everybody takes it for what it is = the best work to date on the Kennedy mystery. Congratulations! once more...

I've finished it, by the way — and I'm more impressed than I was when I last wrote you. What's with the sale of it? Any good?

I've had some terrifying news from New Orleans = Garrison has put in jail the only honest man in town = Aaron Kohn, a hard-working, Crime City Commissioner, who tried to destroy the Mafia in Louisiana. Big Jim has had him indicted by his grand jury for "contempt" and the poor man is in jail. He is the most respectable citizen I've met in that city ... I can't believe it! What do you hear from N.O. about the coming February trial of Clay Shaw? I've also heard that Mark Lane had set up an office in N.O. !....

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Let me know what goes on. I may have to fly over there
in February to expose the bastards -

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My novel didn't get any literary prize but it's a great
success here. Raving reviews. 3d printing on its way. Quite a
nice surprise, I must say. Columnists all over the pen are
speaking of Fitzgerald, Hemingway, and who else! ... very
flattering - and encouraging for the next book. Will send you
a copy whenever I can get one. (They're selling it so well they
can't even give me free copies for my friends - But this will
cease in January - and the book will finish its career. Novels
don't last long in France -) I have no chance of getting it
translated, for it contains too much "colloquialism" ...

That's about all. Hope you'll spend a pleasant Xmas
and New Year. Let me hear from you.

Best, as ever,

O. L. Lippé -