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Dear Sylvia,

It wasn't in Hong-Kong! It was just an old envelop I used (from a two-year old trip) when I wrote you...

I trust you have received "Scienc et Vie" by now, and you will find enclosed my series of articles on Dallas. They won't teach you anything new - not a single thing. But you have to bear in mind they were printed for a public which does not know half of what an average US reader knows about Dallas and the business. You also have to bear in mind they were dictated over the phone and printed and edited without my being there at the time of the editing - which explains ^(spelling mistakes) why some titles are no good - some very significant paragraphs omitted (which I thought were important, but didn't seem to strike the editors), etc...etc....
(mostly in the last installment which was quite reduced).

You also have to remember some of the things people like Penn or Mark Lane do say or print, I could not print - because I didn't have enough evidence to substantiate them. I belong too much to the old " objective" school of journalism to ~~go~~ into wild theorizing - at least in a daily newspaper. Write them ~~up~~ up in a book is something else. Well, anyway, here is the stuff - and I pray for your indulgence.

I do agree with what you write about this Manchester business; in the long run, it is going to hurt everybody in the Democratic party - and I have the feeling neither Johnson nor Bob Kennedy will be President in '68. Old Romney never stood a better chance, I'm afraid. Or, why not? a ticket Westmoreland-Reagan? That would be quite something....

Let me hear from you soon,

As ever,

Phillips

I hope you have no problems with my French. If you do, let me know - I'll translate the "slang".