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PENN JONES, JR., EDITOR

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Dear Sylvia,

What a damn day to write a letter, or do anything else for that matter. Penn has gone to Dealey Plaza for the memorial services, but I had an appointment I couldn't break, so I didn't go.

First of all, about your book: Sylvia, it is so great. Far and away the most important (and the best written book) on this subject. I barrelled through it as fast as I could safely go and still have some comprehension. Now I've started again to read it with enjoyment, to go slowly, to savor the many things you say so well.

And imagine! A researcher who can write, and a writer who can research!

Leonard Saunders in the Ft. Worth Star Telegram was very very impressed with your book. I should guess all the reviews are going to be good. Saunders is a young man, an extremely perceptive book editor who has done a great deal of reading about the assassination.

So far I haven't seen anything in the Dallas papers, but since we have just returned from two weeks in Venezuela it could be in papers that I haven't yet read. (We visited our oldest boy and his wife. It had been over a year since we had seen them. The four of us had a wonderful time, and all of a sudden the physical years that separate us seemed greatly minimized. I can't explain that except to say it was good.)

Penn was pleased and appreciative of the inscription to him. And it meant a great deal to me too.

We are leaving tomorrow to see our youngest in Ann Arbor, so it is time to throw the old dirty clothes back in the suitcase and take off.

But I just had to tell you how much I enjoyed ACCESSORIES AFTER THE FACT. And, kid, I am an author's dream: I look up words in the dictionary; if momentarily I am distracted and lose the author's thought I go back several paragraphs and pick up the thread; and if I honestly genuinely like the book I will read it three, four, even five times. So your book is going to get pretty dog-eared.

With friendship,

** I couldn't put it down.*

R.A.