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Sylvia:

Thanks so much for the material. Am enclosing the Archives article. Isn't that wild on the rifle, Day, Dhority bit? You must have a memory out of all proportion to the normal human mind.

I'm watching Kennan today. I think these men are making a good contribution. It must be very difficult to be in a position of influence and power and then have to risk it all by sticking to principle. I'm very proud of Genarl Gavin. Believe me, this must not be easy to do. What makes people so different? What makes one man a Hickenlooper, and another man a Senator Church?

Those senators have won my love and gratitude. What will it mean? Will it be helpful? Will LBJ grandstand Kennan's achievement away as he did Gavin's? I don't care. The crack has been made. The debate started. Don't you think it has been a good beginning?

Sylvia, do you have any information (picked up at UN) about the SOLIDARISTS (NTS)? Would any of the Russian delegates be willing to talk to you about this group? I feel Motts was killed by this political arm. I noticed in NEWSWEEK that Teddy Kennedy was on the verge of an arrangement with the Soviet Ambassador to effect Motts release. I'm sure he (Motts) was killed in order to embarrass the Russians and to refrigerate the cold war.

Have you seen Harold Feldman's article in TMO about the Russian-American romance? I don't go along with Harold all the way. But his last paragraph is acceptable to me.

Depressing thought for the week: British scientists say there is gold on the moon. Oh, my God!

Sylvia, you have been such a good friend; I don't think I any proving of any value to you. Is there any way I can help you on the investigation? I am still thinking about a trip down to Texas. I'll admit I'm slightly distracted these days by the Senate Hearings and the Vietnam thing in general. Mama O. wants any references to affidavits, etc., to use when she goes before the Navy Board. Can you help her? This needs changing (the discharge). It is a moral issue that I intend to pursue whether Lee killed the President I loved or not.

Haven't heard from Penn for a week or so. Let me hear from you sooner than that. I wrote to Leo Sauvage, but didn't have much to say that he doesn't already know, I'm sure.

Be good. Much love,  
Shirley.