

Copy of handwritten letter  
from Shirley Martin dated 3/31/66

Dear Sylvia: Home again. I am looking for wrapping paper to return your tape; I will definitely get this on its way to you tomorrow. Thanks so much. I wish you had many more such opportunities to make your background on the case heard.

We had an interesting trip. A Ruth Paine visit was more informative than ever. There is no doubt she is playing a part and that her acting ability is decreasing. I made her furious this time; she was trembling when we left. This is not a very nice thing to do, but I have wanted for a long time to crack that ice-water exterior. There is a very real, intense, woman under the facade; let's wait and see how it goes.

Spent an hour with Eva Grant. Did some leg-work on the jacket; had two incidents with the Dallas police. Talked to Dial Ryder again. Spent an evening with Penn and L.A. Heard an enormous amount of slander. Came home tired and discouraged as far as the case is concerned—and, in particular, with the behavior of many of us who participate in it.

Sylvia, can you take vacation before too long? Come here for a couple of days on your way to Dallas. There is too much to say to put on paper. I have been doing a lot of thinking; it seems to me we ought to leave this thing alone and let the Kennedys handle it.  
Love, S.