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Dear Shirley,

First, congratulations on your new home, and I hope that you and your family will know only great happiness and success there. All good wishes!

I recieved your cards and now your letter, many thanks. I have written to Scarecrow Press asking them to mail the Subject Index IMMEDIATELY and giving your new address. I am sorry they have been so laggard.

The enclosed clipping (identical with the NY Times story) will answer your questions about Goodwin. I have since received a number of editorials supporting his proposal or urging that the Warren Commission reconvene and issue answers to all the questions and criticisms now under debate. But nothing more definite has developed.

Your views on Ed are sensible (I wish I could say the same of some of our other colleagues). Yes, his hair needs something; also, his manners, his personality, and his appearance in general. He was here the other day, wearing a look of utter preoccupation with some undecipherable problem and sporting a long streak of dust down his sleeve, of which he was blissfully unaware. As Arnoni says, no one should berate him for what he has not said, in view of what he has accomplished by what he did say.

Do get Whitewash. It is worth reading for its fine demolition of the so-called evidence, even if it strains the eyes. Harold is unbearable—a real paranoid personality, always griping and criticizing and playing the martyr; never has a good word to say for anyone else; usually doesn't acknowledge anyone else exists. But that doesn't take away from his book, which makes a definite contribution. As you rightly put it, the egos are grinding away, and full-time; and we are all shorter-tempered because of the cumulative fatigue and strain and the continuing suspense about the ultimate outcome.

Yes, we disagree on Lane. Last year he opened an enveloped marked "personal" which I had addressed to Galanor (one of his claue) at the Citizens Committee post office box; he destroyed my letter to Galanor without showing it to him, on grounds that it was "not important;" and he appropriated the enclosure, which was a copy of a letter I had received from Western Cartridge Company. When I learned about that high-handed, ruthless, not to say, illegal behavior, I wrote to Lane immediately warning him not to make use of my WCC letter in any manner shape or form without my express authorization. I never got an answer (an apology I didn't expect!), unless one considers as an "answer" his use of part of the letter in his book, with attribution to me in a footnote, in disregard for my explicit prohibition of such use. So I cannot share in your I-like-Lane phase, even leaving aside the cynical and dishonest claim to being the first to publish the FBI Summary Report.

Shirley, your remarks about Warren, etc., are very penetrating and persuasive. I am not entirely sure what he thought about who was guilty; but it doesn't make much difference, one way or the other, in weighing his personal guilt for what the WR says—to quote someone who writes better than I can dream of, the Report is "an incredible melange of lies, half-truths, omissions, evasions and distortions...the ultimate testament to contemporary liberalism, fully deserving a place alongside the Reichstag Fire trial in the annals of politico-judicial mythology." I'll write more as soon as the merciless workload permits. Much love, and you write, please, more, and more often.