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Shirley,

I just LOVED your open letter to Kronkite! It is a gem. I hope that you sent copies to all who will really appreciate it--Maggie Field, and Vince Salandria, etc. If you have extra copies I'd be glad to pass them around to Maggie and Vince. And especially I'd like one to send to a guy I knew at CBS.

Things are happening too fast and furious, before you can even relate or discuss one thing, the next development is zeroing in. The so-called release of the autopsy photos and x-rays is an incredible development. If anyone thought that would quiet criticism of the WR, it has only served to boomerang on them. It has done a lot to generate more, and more intense, scepticism and suspicion. Walter Kieran on WOR radio last night spent his whole 15 minutes delivering a scathing analysis of the photos business--he had expressed some doubt about the WR after the Epstein book, but last night he really pulled out all the stops.

I heard that Penn will be in NYC again soon to do the Merv Griffin show on TV and I hope I will get to see that man this time. I was too damned sick last week and if the present insane pace keeps us (I've had about 6 hours sleep in the last four nights) I'll be lucky not to be on the sick-list again.

Some encouraging developments on my manuscript--it is in a major publishing house now and the editor who asked for it thinks it is the best of all the books on the case so far--BUT he thinks it will be very very hard to persuade the company to publish any book on this subject. They think the market is glutted and it would be a poor commercial risk on top of all the other books that came out during the last few months. So I'm not getting my hopes up at all.

Keep slugging; and I hope Vicky's cold is better by now (mine turned into bronchial asthma, so you can be sure I know what she is going through).

Much love,