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Oh, Sylvia, you know I'm not angry. I don't agree with you about the Kennedys and the X-rays, etc., but we are each entitled to the way we feel or think. As I understand the law, the X-rays and films ARE the personal property of the Kennedy family, just as such films or X-rays taken in your regard would be the property of your next of kin. On the other hand, had you been murdered and such evidence had been, as you say, "state's evidence," then the proper authorities would always have access to them. Were a defence attorney appointed to defend the man (or woman) accused of killing you, this attorney would then have the same rights as the state (the prosecuting attorney) in seeing the X-rays, films, etc. However, I do disagree that any films, whether of you or of the President, belong to "the people." This is a hackneyed phrase that represents little more than an open door to sensationalism in my opinion; from my point of view the "people" of the United States have no more right to view the destroyed head of John F. Kennedy than I do.

The Kennedys kept the films. When requested, they turned them over to the proper authorities; if and when the Oswald case reaches a jury and there is a defence attorney named, this gentleman, whoever he may be, will be permitted to see the films. I promise. In the meantime, be patient and kind to a family that has suffered a great deal. "To understand all is to forgive all." You are probably right to accuse me of "blind faith." But I have never tried to infer that I was your intellectual equal. You have been kind to welcome me into your circle and to share your thoughts with me. But I know that this welcome did not imply a negation of my individuality. Much love, Sylvia. S.

Got a call from a Bryan Shaw, Canadian Broadcasting. He wanted me to come up there for a show, but I told him I couldn't get away and referred him to you as the most knowledgeable on the case. He talked like a Beatle.