

Sylvia:

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Meant to ask if you had seen the two-part article by Fremont-Smith on The Effect of Books? (*Ny Times*)

I think the most interesting thing that has happened recently is the acceptance by the Establishment of, first, Epstein's book and then Mark Lane's (#1 on the TIME best-seller list this week). I wonder if these two books would have been published IF certain key members of the Establishment had been completely satisfied, not only in regard to the assassination story, but also in regard to the strange turn in foreign policy taken by LBJ since the death of Mr. Kennedy

This is why I suggest patience in regard to the Kennedys. If certain key members of the so-called Establishemnt had not so recommended, Mark Lane's book and Epstein's book would still be in limbo somewhere. We are dealing with a very difficult historical time; not one of us has the full picture or is aware of all the ins and outs involved in this thing. But let's not confuse ourselves by imagining we have done it all by ourselves: I think we are being manipulated as much as we manipulate. Just for once, let the Left do the mature, non-emotional thing. I think the advantage will be great.

Love, S.

Mama called again last night. Her tune has changed. She wants Mark Lane's telephone no. & street (mailing) address immediately. She didn't believe me when I said I had no idea how to reach him. Can you check — or would you just pass this request y hers on to him? I think he would be a damn fool to get mixed up with that piece of poor white trash again! But I'll have

to leave that to his judgment