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Sylvia:

Your kind thoughts are really appreciated. Still, in the long run, the whole re-arrangement will be for the best. I think the kids and I will move towards S. F. within the next year. This will give us a chance to work more on various items. The Southwest is really not for us. There is a vast world between what we are and what the majority of the people here are.

Many things that were difficult for us in the past will no longer be so. On the other hand, the financial picture has changed somewhat, as it always does in these cases. Once there has been a division, once the male ego has been vigorously assaulted (in its opinion) there is a tendency, however subconscious, towards revenge. This is O.K. I can understand it. It doesn't particularly improve my picture of the male ego, but I was prepared for it. There are many, many things involved that I would like to tell you about someday, but letters are useless for this purpose. I can't think of anyone, though, who would understand what I am trying to say better than you. Whatever difficulties may be entailed in this mess, the "freedom now" aspect enchants me. The girls are happy about it, too; making it hard only for Steven (since Mike is adopted, he is not deeply attached to Mark). This is the real hell-spot of these things: the hurt child. But as for Tulsa, we will all be delighted to say "goodby" to it. It is the world's rectum for sure.

The SEP article on Garrison was a shocker. But I am trying to keep clear of my prejudice against Garrison for his Long-McKeithen friendships. Lane tells me that Long's interest in the assassination stems from his (Long's)

wretched memories of his father's assassination; and this is logical. But is it logical enough? Oh, Sylvia, I am so suspicious of the Southern politician, the old arm of the Democratic Party. (And wasn't that picture of HHH and Maddox arm-in-arm really too much?) All of us will continue on this thing, regardless. My interest in the Bee-Line book I mentioned had to do with the author's reaction to the WR critics. I thought he gave us a fair shake. I think he is highly suspicious of the Oswald-alone theory and of the SBT. Although I am genuinely ignorant about such things, I had the suspicion while reading the book that it was RFK-orientated and that Kennedy money may have been behind it. Which is just fine with me, particularly in regard to the author's attempt to explain Jackie and Bobby's case against Manchester which I feel is pretty air-tight. Manchester did the dirty to the Kennedys and there is no two ways about this. On the other hand, the national press went to town with its first chance to deliver a gut blow to Jackie, failing to remember what all those of us who love her remember: she is a human being, not a goddess. Therefore, she is entitled to every human mistake. The right-wing seems particularly shocked by Jackie's attack on Manchester, thus indicating a virginal approach to the Jackie problem, almost as though the Right wanted Jackie to BE ABOVE HUMAN FAILINGS. Manchester was a catharsis to Jackie. All the horrible things she couldn't tell anyone, she poured out to him. Perhaps it was indiscreet, but it WAS HUMAN. So, the little book does the job I would like to do on the entire Manchester-Kennedy affair, but that I didn't know how to do. In addition, it makes some awfully good points about the WC and about the WR critics. It is possible the book may reflect some of the Kennedy thinking.

Was interested to read about RFK's meeting with Lynd and Hayden. (Nation) (Alas)

Let me know if you know anything more about it. Disgusted about Greek situation, but discussion between us is ~~is~~ <sup>silly</sup> on this as we agree eye-to-eye on it, I'm sure.

Sylvia, the national picture is growing worse. Penn is convinced we will

be interned within a certain length of time. Yet he keeps working. He amazes me. Very courageous, as you all are.

I think my religion will be even stronger after this present personal difficulty is overcome. I am pleased, so pleased, over the growing rapport in Europe between Catholics and Marxists. I hope this sticks. I would like to be a part of it, somewhere, someday.

Weren't those pictures of De Gaulle and LBJ shaking hands a riot? If there is any humor to be found in today's mess, it was here. I thought De Gaulle was going to throw up!

What can I say about U Thant except I love him. So sorry about AJ Muste. We could ill afford to lose him now.

I want to mail this. So I'll close. I get the NO States Item and Picayune, so am able to follow the story (?--MESS!)<sup>in NO</sup> as closely as possible, but am not able in any way to make sense out of it. Also surprised at Mama O's attitude. She wrote a note to Thayer in which she indicated not much further interest. Penn mentioned that she was not taking phone calls, which is so unlike her as to be truly significant in some way or another. Will anything ever make sense?

Mark Lane is at Stanford, lecturing there, I believe. Mike Lester is in NY today; I am supposed to call him there tomorrow. I wonder if he will get in touch with you. He has always admired you so much, but is shy and has said that he wants me to write you so as to serve as an introduction! What a character.

Sylvia, you are my dear friend. The children and I love you. Write when you can. (I am trying to get a few things together for Penn. I have been so busy with personal things. Your letter to his paper was

marvelous ) A