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Dear Shirley,

Maggie called me over the weekend to say that she had visited Lane and looked at the galleys of my book...she called especially to tell me that Lane had expressed a very favorable opinion of the book (as you had already written) and that he had sent a glowing comment to the publishers. It was on this call that Maggie told me that Thayer Waldo had been hired by Ramparts and was doing an assignment (not on the WR) for them in Europe. By the way, Maggie has several times expressed her worry because she lost a letter you had sent her in which you had asked some questions on points of evidence--she doesn't remember which questions and is fearful that you will think that she just isn't bothering to answer. She is not at all high-handed, on the contrary, she is very conscientious, and I know that she feels bad about misplacing your letter.

Thayer Waldo stayed with Maggie as a houseguest, a few weeks ago; she had met him during a visit to Mexico City earlier this year, which I think you know already; she says that he feels out of touch with the case, since he was inactive for so long, and will not be working on this subject for Ramparts but on other assignments. I don't know Waldo (I wrote him once, in 1964 or early 1965, at his old Fort Worth address and maybe he never got the letter; but neither did he answer a letter I sent in the summer of 1966 or one I sent a few months ago. I guess he's not much of a letter-writer) but if he should be in New York and look me up, I'll be glad to see him, of course.

About the Castorr tape: of course, I understand your obligation not to disclose it. I agree that it is unfortunate that things have to be hush-hush; usually I have no secrets except those imposed on me by someone else, and I know how frustrating it can be from my experience last year, when I was on oath not to disclose anything in Epstein's book, and had to guard my words so carefully for months until it came out.

I feel sure that Manchester is wrong, as usual, about MacNeil: the man who was involved in this incident was Pierce Allman, a TV reporter for a Dallas station. Epstein told me that long ago and I have since seen a document from the Archives which confirms it, and have put the incident into a footnote in Accessories.

No, you hadn't mentioned the quotes from There Was A President; and I would like very much to see them, if you have them already and it is no trouble to send them. Please don't do any typing, though: I am back at the office, and can use the xerox machine to make a copy, rather than having you labor at the typewriter.

Writing that I am "back at the office" reminds me that I'd better get back to work! A very nice thing greeted me when I returned yesterday--a letter from our Geneva HQs informing me that I am getting a special double raise in recognition of having completed 20 years of service. I was overcome with astonishment; it was certainly a very generous gesture, and I feel very grateful. But I'd better do some work, to earn it. All my love,