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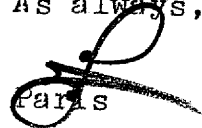
Dear Sylvia,

Forgive this being but a brief note, however, I wished to determine, without contacting Stein and Day, whether they got in touch with you about the index for the book. Of course, that is not the province of the editorial department, and so I thought it better to check with you directly, rather than with their production editor.

I assume you have heard about the other CIA's meeting on 9 April, the main item on the agenda being the question of whether the organisation should be continued or not. Admittedly, I have done nothing for the group since I moved out here, what with deadlines, fluctuating state of health, realty problems, transportation restrictions, etc., etc., nonetheless, I am of conflicting feelings regarding its being dissolved. Yet, it seems to me that with threads thinning out to invisibility, so many deaths of possible sources of information, diminution of public interest, among numerous other considerations, it might be practical for it to broaden its compass if it is to continue. On the other hand, that raises the point--to include what? Obviously, a number of potential replies present themselves. And I have so little time to make a tentative decision, as going to DC merely to vote in favour of the liquidation is a wasted effort. Going, of course, means I must resume some sort of active participation, and I am not at all certain that I have anything to offer the organisation in the light of its present objectives--my one hope was to get a publisher interested in some contributive book on the MLK or RFK case, or, perhaps, a general work on the assassinations of the 1960s. Regrettably, the subject is about as popular as the black death or poetry. Ah, well.

I do hope your improved health continues and that I have the opportunity to see you soon. Also my best to the new kitty.

As always,


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