

April 2, 1974

Dear Paris,

No, I never did hear from Stein and Day about the index. In fact, I have been wondering about the silence and worrying about whether I will have the time to do it, now. When you first asked me about the index, we were having a relatively quiet spell at the office, but that is now coming to an end. There has been a decision to convene a special session of the UN General Assembly, which will open a week from today, and which will overlap with the spring session of the Economic and Social Council. This is likely to mean busy days and late evenings at the office, and I am wondering if I can do justice to the index if I have to do it in a rush.

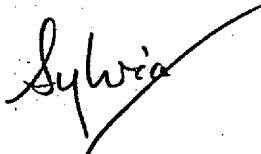
Just in case the index comes at a bad time for me, I have two very close friends who might be willing to do the job and who are likely to do it better than I would. They are both UFO-connected and familiar with the whole range of paranormal phenomena. One is Ted Bloecher, who has just done an excellent index for a paperback on UFOs written by Ralph Blum and published by Bantam. The other is Lex Mebane, who was a key person in the now-defunct Civilian Saucer Intelligence. Probably I will, despite the present uncertainties, do the index myself; but I wanted to alert you to these alternatives and see if they were acceptable to you.

I did not know that the Fensterwald CTIA was facing liquidation, although it does not surprise me. It has hung on fairly long and I fear that even if it gets a respite or two now, it will still peter out in the near future. One sees such voluntary groups struggle year after year when they should have given up the ghost much earlier —NICAP is a case in point. As you perhaps know, I have always refused membership in the Fensterwald committee because I wanted to preserve my full freedom of action, to avoid association with some of its members or founders, and escape the onerous aspects of functioning in a committee framework, of which I have more than enough here at the UN.

I fear that if any headway is going to be made in the assassinations, it will be by individual effort and not by collectivity. Look where collectivity got the Warren Commission!

With warm personal regards,

As ever,

A handwritten signature in cursive ink, appearing to read "Sylvia". The signature is written over a diagonal line.