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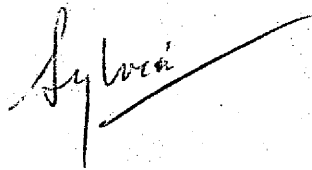
Dear Paris,

Thanks for your letter of the 12th. I have been wondering about the delay in the arrival of the galleys. It was about a month ago that Mrs. Tulipan of Stein and Day left a message for me to the effect that the galleys would be delivered to me in 8 or 10 days. Anyway, when they do come, I am planning to turn them over to Ted Bloecher to compile the index, since you were kind enough to give me that latitude. I have been working very hard at the office and even if it should ease up, which is far from certain, I would like to take advantage of the lull. I feel sure that Ted will do an excellent index and that you will be pleased with it.

Jones Harris telephoned me a few weeks ago asking to borrow a book and told me, by the way, that the Fensterwald Committee has indeed been dissolved. If you know Jones, you will not be surprised to learn that he seems to accept the theory that Bud and/or his various critic-associates are CIA agents. I guess that Watergate makes even the most preposterous hypothesis more credible than it otherwise would be.

When Ted Bloecher completes the index, will he be paid by Stein and Day? I don't want to receive the payment on his behalf as I would then have to report it on my income tax return. But we can arrange all that later.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sylvia", with a long horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the name.