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Dear Sylvia,

Only a brief response, for the moment. I have no idea what Stein and Day is up to; specifically why you have not heard from them--but, then again, nor have I for well over a month. The last I was told was that it had been scheduled for about August 1. I am apprehensive of the possibility they may have assigned someone (undoubtedly unfamiliar with the subject) from "staff," or, even more disheartening, decided to try and save a few dollars (= pages) by discarding the index intention. Whatever, I have sent off a sharp letter, and we may get some word within a couple of weeks.

No additional word as to whether a date has been set for the JER hearing. I, too, have been following the RFK under-murmurings, but as they have been going on for more than a year I am restraining my optimism. The JER thing is our best hope at the moment, I feel. Still, I do not think it too wishful a hope that its being pried open might revived the possibilities of a proper review of Dallas. Of course, the Sirhan deception would tend--less directly (oddly enough) I believe--to effect like results, should they be brought to light.

I am anxious to get into town and speak with you (and possibly Bloecher) about my new project. It should be of some interest to you as Putnam came to me to do a pro book on UFO; naturally with an emphasis on the most contemporary material (although I have completed a good "historical section" from my overloaded files). The chance of speaking with you about sightings and other pertinent matters of 1973 and 1974 is of particular interest to me. As my last book had descriptions and mentions of hundreds of sightings, I am intending to concentrate more on the detailing of a much smaller number of highly persuasive sightings, a couple of the more powerful alleged contacts (probably non-US, although the Southern boys will have to be treated), and giving a full exposition of the duplicity and deception of the USAF and establishmentaria, in general. Your thoughts and suggestions will be most welcome.

Can you get me more data on the autumn television programmes on UFO which Ted Bloecher mentioned; perhaps who is the motivating force behind each.

Hope "pro tem" becomes permanent, should that be your desire. In any event, take care of yourself, and know I am,

As always,