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Dear Paris,

Thank you for your card of last week. I'm glad to report that Sylvia had been out of the hospital for a week, and has been back to work (although only part time as of now) and is feeling much better. She says that the work load that accumulated during her absence makes it all but impossible for her to do your index, and she would be grateful if you would reconsider and perhaps assign it to me. I know for my part I would be very happy to take it on, with your permission. I'm glad to learn that you are now "on top" of the book, although how you manage to do it on only four hours of sleep a night is a mystery to me. I guess this is the discipline of a professional writer; if I manage to get four pages up in a single day, it's an extraordinary accomplishment; then four more days just to clean up four pages. However, in spite of the problems, my own is coming along slowly but surely. I plan to get back down to Washington this coming week to go over some of Isabel's section with her--once that is done, a big section of the book is ready for clean copy. I just wish my discipline were a bit stronger.

Thanks, also, for promising to check those Pike County Dispatch refs. As I said, there's no rush; I can always cite the refs. in the text, but I would like to have copies eventually, just for the record. The reporter, J. Edson Myer, of Milford, might turn out to be the most convenient source. Congratulations on the ms. Let me know about the index.

Sincerely,

cc: Sylvia ✓