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Dear Sylvia,

One of the sad consequences of being a notoriously bad correspondent is the embarrassment that on the rare occasions when I do write, it is frequently to ask a favor. So it is now. This summer I wrote an extended essay in response to the Schweiker-Hart Report, trying to clear the ground for the expected Congressional inquiry which will now definitely take place, and trying in particular to set the so-called "Castro" leads in a better perspective.

My friend and co-editor Russell Stetler, who is also a typesetter with publishing experience at Ramparts Press, has proven himself to be a true friend by undertaking to produce and publish the essay in small-book form as a labor of love. By doing nearly all the work himself, he is now in a position to release the book about three weeks from now. I enclose the text, footnotes, and index, all but a short prefatory update (about the House Committee, Orlando Bosch, etc.) which is not yet in type.

Russell's idea is to release the book through a local distributor, and promote sales in part by a series of very short blurbs on the cover and elsewhere which describe either the book or alternatively my work in general. Would you be willing to supply one of these quotations, ideally in about two weeks or so? I would be grateful to hear from you soon, as we only plan to approach about three or four people in all.

How did Accessories sell? Latest reports on The Assassinations in September were 13,283 in paper, 2087 in hardback. I wish we had been released before MacDonald et al., instead of after.

Thanks again for such a memorably fine evening,

Peter Dale Scott