

Hoch

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Dear Sylvia,

I heard via Jeff that you were puzzled by Harold's letter of 1/6 to me, a copy of which he sent you. My reply to him is enclosed. I don't know if ~~xxx~~ this clears up whatever the confusion was, but I don't think his letter required any action on your part.

Also enclosed is a list of the HSC's MLK handouts (incomplete). I don't think there is much point in your getting copies, since most of this will be in the ~~xxxxxxx~~ volumes published on 4/1 (or later, more likely).

Also: a cartoon which reminds me why it's okay to live ~~2000~~ 3000 miles from D.C.

The next time you talk with Leo Sauvage, please thank him for his letter. He asked why I used the term "assassination buff," which he thinks is derogatory. I've never been uncomfortable with that, especially since I heard George O'Toole talk eloquently about its roots in the definition of buff as a volunteer fireman, a favorable analogy. (Peter Scott said that, given people like Lane, he had thought it came from "buffoon.") Compared with "assassination nut" or "marginal paranoid," I'll accept "buff!"

Not much to report from here. I've been putting some time into the Pellicano analysis of the acoustics testimony. I can send you a few pages of comments if you are particularly interested, but the bottom line is that so far the acoustics analysis looks pretty convincing.

At Jeff's urging, I'm going to think about what should be done when the "39 volumes" come out, how the work can be divided up, etc. I would be interested in your opinions on the situation.

With best regards,

Paul

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