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Dear Sylvia,

I can now respond to your welcome note with your copy of the latest double-issue of the newsletter.

You should enjoy the Dick Sprague piece on Blakey & Co. and I hope find something else of interest there. Very little news recently - it appears to be an arid period with only(!) this rash of new books to cause any ripples.

I'm presently attempting to work my way through Lifton's monster. A mention this time with a review to follow? You would care to lift that particular gauntlet, would you?

Blakey should be out sometime soon, I understand. Are you aware of this promised book by a Michael Kurtz. A new name to me - do you know anything about him?

Very pleased to see that someone has finally managed to get something on Richard Case Nagell in print. He is an important character. I wonder if anyone does actually possess a copy of his pamphlet. I've written to Gallery to suggest that they go the whole hog and consider publishing in book form the complete Russell/Sprague manuscript!

Is Scott/Hoch definitely cancelled?

What do you make of the recent Hinckley attempt on ol' Ron? I see he is the classic, withdrawn, alienated loner who, obligingly, leaves his written evidence for the FBI to pick up after the deed!

My best wishes to you. I'll always look forward to your news/views/reactions/comments....

Regards,

Harry