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Mr. Arch Kimbrough
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Dear Arch,

You cannot imagine how delighted I was to receive your note and to read that you are feeling completely well again! It is really wonderful news and I have no doubt that Ann and your daughters, and Mary, are all on cloud nine with sheer joy.

It is hard to believe that it is almost a year since my visit to Dallas, which I remember vividly and with great warmth. Especially I remember our Sunday together and the "tour" you gave me of all the sites related to the case. For one reason or another, I have done virtually no work on the case for about twelve months; but an article I did last June, on the Givens testimony, supposedly will be published sometime in July (more likely, August or September, judging by past performance) in The Texas Observer, together with a "reply" by David Belin which answers nothing whatever. However, I will believe it only when I actually see the article in print, after the many months of delay.

This is my last day but two at the office, and then I leave for my first non-working vacation since 1964. As Mary may have mentioned, I have rented a house on Fire Island, a few yards from the beach, where I will spend two whole months away from the real world, I hope, doing absolutely nothing that requires effort. If there are any major developments in the case, I will have to catch up with the news in September, as I plan not even to read the newspapers.

Speaking of which, the Pentagon Papers have really boggled the mind and are the main subject of every conversation here. The documents on the Diem assassination and the JFK policy on Vietnam in the months before 11/22/63 are illuminating, in that they tend to confirm what previously we had to deduce--which is true of the whole mass of the documents.

Arch, I do hope that I will continue to have good news about your well-being. My very warm good wishes to you and Ann and your dear girls,

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