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Dear Sylvia,

Thank you for your letter. I was glad to hear that Mary is okay.

I'm enclosing the Picayune story on Garrison's arrest, (a great improvement on the coverage in the old days, I'm glad to see,) although you probably won't get it until you return from your vacation.

I thought I was about as disillusioned about Garrison as it is possible to be, but still I must say I found the affidavit in the enclosed stories astonishing. Pershing Gervais's undercover work against Garrison these last two years is, on any showing, the most carefully prepared handgrenade that has been lobbed into the political enclaves here for many a year. It came as a great surprise to everyone—not least the DA, I imagine. A risky prediction, but I doubt if Garrison will survive this bombshell.

I'm tempted to send a copy of this to Salandria. (I won't, though.) I know he could easily explain the whole thing away...

I hope you have (had) a very pleasant vacation,

Best wishes,

Tom