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Dear Paris,

I was immensely pleased to receive your card and to learn your whereabouts. A few days earlier I had finally inquired about you in a letter I was sending to Bob Smith of the Fensterwald committee, feeling concerned about your long absence from the Long John program and the recorded messages when I tried your phone from time to time. You had told me when you kindly phoned me at Fire Island in July that you would be taking some time away from the city but I had no idea it would be for such a long time.

One reason I have been eager to be in touch is that I wanted to ask you to clear up a very baffling point in your book, The Age of Flying Saucers. I was grateful to find an unscrambled copy waiting when I returned from Fire Island, thanks for having arranged to have it sent. I turned to the photographs, which I had not seen before, and was startled to see facing page 96 the letter from RFK to Gray Barker, which I could not recall having seen when I indexed the manuscript (or any reference to it in the text, which of course I would have indexed). I gather that this RFK letter was added at the last moment and while at first glance it appears to be authentic, I somehow cannot really bring myself to believe that RFK was really a "card carrying member..." or indiscreet enough to admit it or reckless enough to write such a letter in jest.

So my question is, is the RFK letter in fact authentic? At first I was merely curious but now I have a more immediate interest in your answer because of a rumored letter from RFK to Garrison some weeks before RFK's assassination, in which RFK supposedly expressed his conviction that a conspiracy had been behind the JFK assassination. I am absolutely sceptical that such a letter exists or was ever sent and if it is ever produced I would have every suspicion that it is a forgery.

I'd be grateful if you can find a moment to write and clarify the status of the RFK/Gray Barker letter, or perhaps you would prefer to phone if you are planning to return to West 12th Street in the near future. In any case, I will be eager to know how you are and what you have been doing all these months. With warm regards,