

Dear Aunt Sylvia,

You're right, a girl can always use another aunt. First of all, excuse me for not answering sooner, but we haven't been feeling up to par for a few days. I have been looking in all papers and magazines for any information that might be useful to you, but I think that you know all that is in the papers here. For about the last week, the news from New Orleans has been repetitious or nonexistent. I don't think that the European press has lost interest, I think they already made their conclusions and want to see what sort of travesty of justice will take place in New Orleans. There hasn't been any follow-up story about Clay Shaw and what he was doing in Italy. I kind of think the American government has asked the Italian government to keep it quiet.

To-morrow I am sending you various news items that I have collected these past few weeks. I think you know most of the news, but this will give you some idea of the kind of interest the Italian press has in the case. One Mafia man said of Danilo Dolci (a famous social worker who is trying to oust the Mafia in Sicily) "there was only one man better known than him and his name was Kennedy..that's why we don't bump him off." This is an accurate picture of how well - loved Kennedy was.

I don't know what the American papers made of Humphrey's trip to Europe, but it was labeled a complete failure by all European presses. He was greeted by throngs of people wherever he went, who threw rotten fruit and hissed violently, calling him an assassin. None of the governments approached could back up the Viet Nam stand he wanted to sell.

An anecdote in the paper the other day is making the rounds at the dinner tables in Italy. One Journalist said at a luncheon that when he asked what President Johnson was doing just before the assassination, he was told "blocking his ears."

Sue told me about the article in Epoca and your trip the McGill to speak, but I don't think she ever did mention your book. I am anxious to know when, why, what, where and when do I get my autographed copy? I think this is great! My aunt, the novelist. I suppose as soon as it gets published you will begin the next one. The way things have been happening lately, just as you get some stuff together and formulated, a whole bunch of other stuff comes to light to add to what you already said. I think the American people are ready to listen now. I never thought we would see the day when all those nice phrases about equality and loving all our neighbors would be disproved by every single act of our president even against the most violent public protests. He certainly has a strong stomach, doesn't he?

Tell Suzie, I am waiting for all her letters. I miss USA even now when things are at such a low ebb.... As soon as I see anything that looks valuable I will air mail it. And if I get any more theories, I will write them to you for evaluation.

Sincerely,

