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Dear Sylvia:

I hope one quarrel doesn't separate good collaborators. Two things have been on my mind demanding your opinion and estimate, but the fact that we were à contretemps in re: Garrison made me wait. Then I finished reading and checking your masterly books, which was a coherent joy when it went over familiar ground and a fresh inspiration in the numerous areas where the material was new to me.

First, did you see Turner's article in Ramparts in which he states that Oswald sent the famous rifle-gun photo to the Militant some months before 11/22/63? If true, of course, this would be a considerable authentication of the picture, as well as a reflection on the Trotskyists who concealed the fact. I wrote to Farrell Debbs, the Trotskyist leader, and, at the same time to Turner, asking for his source. Debbs denied having received or seen the pix during that correspondence period. Turner gave me the name of an ex-Trotskyist whom I tried to contact several times and failed.

Do you know anything about this? What is your opinion of Turner, aside from your opinion of the Garrison investigation. I don't like the smell of his articles.

Second, none of the books seems to want to take up the matter of the post-mortem kidnapping to Bethesda. As far as I know, I am the only one to do any kind of research on it, and that was not very deep. Does that mean that you, like Shirley, don't think that the O'Donnell-Johnson transfer formed part of the assassination's criminal history? Without Bethesda, could there have been a Warren Commission? Was Bethesda's work in somebody's mind when the body was rushed aboard Air Force One?

Congratulations again, and warm greetings.

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