

Thursday, 7 July

Dear Sylvia,

Here we're all set to leave -- up to our eyeballs in cardboard boxes and suitcases, trying to work the bus but getting become a David longer too '700' yours as a deposit -- and I'm way behind on letters (must see you at least 2 or 3 by this time). So I'll work the shirt and sweat and look for a fall-sue remain in N.Y. Towards the end of August I'll have to come up to NYC to see some editors on my 2 Friedman mss. and at that time (oh, you lovely soul!) you'll get a chance to see Black Beauty before we go out to dinner.

Re Nov. 22: Springer sent me his computer article. Press reports to the contrary, they never put their most-wounded date into a computer, they just talked about it. I find the whole article disappointing in the extreme. He mentions Access a C. Sec in a complimentary way but never points out that we differ with him on important questions. To read it, one would get the impression we were all agreed on things. And then he tries to defend Spencer, <sup>what?</sup> at this point, only looks silly. Disappointing!

Liked very much your review of Lighter. Very precise and direct, and if anything, under-  
standing the case the Commission made against themselves in their own meeting. What a bunch of fools, really!

Interesting your points re Oswald and the rifle. That damn gun is really the only thing that implicates Oswald in the events of Nov. 22 and it becomes sadder and sadder -- as if someone was going out of their way to make sure

it could be traced to Oswald.

Sylvia, look at a very interesting short piece by Stoughton Lynd in Newswatch. It makes the very interesting, not of his, important point that since 1939 the U.S. has depended upon a war economy. Here's a guy who (I'd find it, instead of wandering around in silly generalities like most of his fellow historians (Schlesinger, etc.!) included) took the occasion to say some very pointed & interesting things.

See you soon, old lady,

Tom

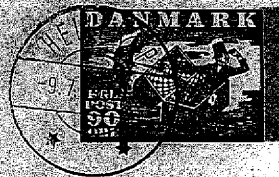
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