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Dear Morris,

Your letter of the 16th August has moved me more than I can describe. It is not only the generosity with which you characterized my book but the fact that the commendation comes from such a good and long-valued friend, and one whose mind is particularly lucid and precise.

The book was received with almost-unanimous praise from the reviewers when it came out in 1967. There followed years during which the issue and the critical literature on the assassination were virtually forgotten entirely. Now, in the train of Watergate, there is a tremendous revival of interest in the case and much is being written anew about my work (see, for example, the current issue of The Saturday Evening Post, with JFK on the cover, which even includes a photograph of me). This is a development that I never expected and I cannot help but feel both proud and humble about the reawakening of my book (see also, for example, the book by George O'Toole, The Assassination Tapes).

I hope that the setting in which you are now residing has fulfilled its magnificent promise. I imagine that the first period after retirement is bound to be somewhat disorienting. Before long, I will be joining the ranks of the retirees, too. As you may already know, Rudy during July suffered a major heart attack; but is now recovering at home.

With many thanks for your great kindness, and with warm personal affection,

Yours sincerely,

*Sylvia*