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Dear Sylvia,

How nice to hear from you especially since I had heard you had been in poor health.

I sent most of the copies of our book out to Congress, FBI and U.S. Attorney in Dallas (sent one to Gemberling) and have been underwhelmed by the response. I had expected a few blasts but got nothing more than thank you notes (except B. Goldwater, who seemed to like it).

I can loan you a copy to read for a couple of weeks if that's okay. Haven't a copy to sell and haven't sold any of the 100 copies we printed.

I would like to find a publisher but I suppose the writing puts them off.

Nice to hear that your book is going to be re-issued in paper, which should gain the wide audience you deserve.

I saw Coup D'Etat in America at Mary's house and nearly tossed up my lunch. Maybe I missed the point of it. Is it intended to be saterical?

If it is it was written with a very dry wit. I did think that section dealing with Hunt and Sturges dressed as tramps, marching around Dealey Plaza, was mildly humorous.

Of course if you tell me this book was intended as non-fiction then I don't know what to make of it, except to say the authors are one step from the funny farm.

I think between the actions of Congress and those marginal paranoids out there I am going to stay away from this whole subject.

I just got a call from a New Jersey cab driver turned assassination critic (he's mentioned in Newsweek) who wished to set up a meeting between myself and Mae Brussell and to offer tape recordings to me of anything I wished on this subject. It turned out he is now living six blocks away from me in Van Nuys. I asked him for an 11/22/63 tape and three days later it arrived, registered, receipt requested, special delivery-- all from six blocks away!

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He could have walked over and handed it to me.

What did the tape contain? It contained a speech by this very same person at NYU, plus Robert Grodin, Richard Sprague and Mae Brussell.

Sometimes I dream I am in a giant nut house only to wake and find out it's true.

Hope I hear from you soon,

Your friend,

FRED



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