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Dear Fred,

Please forgive me for any oversights and confusion which I may be causing, and also for the brevity of this letter—all of which must be chalked up to the near-disorientation I experienced upon returning to the real world after two months away from everything, at the beach. The pile-up of pending work at home and at the office has been formidable and I am still trying to climb out of the labyrinth. I did not realize that you had not had a copy of the article on Givens or the Belin "reply", which I now enclose herewith.

I want to thank you very much, not as a formality but with genuine appreciation, for the collection of press clippings on the RFK/Sirhan case. I have only scanned them as yet but intend to read them very carefully the moment I have the time. It is obvious even at a glance that these are very important developments in the case, yet the appalling fact is that to the best of my knowledge there has been no reportage at all by the news media in this part of the country.

I must also put aside for careful study your discussion of Truly and Dougherty and the excerpts from the interview with Dougherty, which I will keep confidential. It is not interest that is lacking, but time, but I will try to send a more responsive reply very soon.

Thanks for bearing with me.

Hastily,