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Dear Sylvia,

Once again, my "+" key is broken. Do you think a just and loving Creator is trying to tell me something?

I spent a week in Berkeley finding obscure and interesting restaurants, soaking up the Telegraph Avenue street scene, and flipping through Paul Hoch's and Hal Verb's files. I got a stack of interesting stuff, some of which looks good, indeed. Try CD 49, p. 22 for proof positive that, as early as the afternoon of the assassination, CIA was lying about the extent of its knowledge of Oswald. My guess is that they pulled the file, saw that LHO was, or had been, one of their people, yanked everything not already available via other agencies, and did a quick rewrite job.

By the way, Archives material is now only 10¢ per page.

Hal Verb and I got arrested in Berkeley. Well, actually, we were "detained for investigation," not actually arrested. Suspicion of armed robbery. It seems that we were two white males in a small, light blue car a couple of minutes and a few blocks from where a gas station had been held up by -- you guessed it. The guy who got held up said it wasn't us, so no problem. Hal told the cops that it couldn't have been him, because he would have taken green stamps.

Paul and I seem to agree on the bulk of the inter-critical issues (like Big Jim) and Hal is getting there. I met the still-interested people from Hal's Workshop on the Assassination, listened to tapes, and talked for hours and hours. You know, the usual. It was a lot of fun.

Remember Uncle Chester? My friends just sent him \$10 "for postage and insurance" as a gentle hint. I just learned that Mary Ferrell somehow or other acquired a set of the official Dallas police tapes. The word is that even they differ from the published transcripts, and there should be a correction out before long. I hope to compare Mary's tapes with Chester's. You have no idea how hard it is to type with one's fingers crossed.

I'll be finishing up Law School fall quarter. I'll also be teaching a course entitled "Who Killed JFK?" at the University of Washington's Experimental College. If you have any goodies, or suggestions, let me know.

The course description is as follows:

A course intended to show that Lee Harvey Oswald never tried to shoot anybody. Topics include the source and number of shots, the death of J.D. Tippit, Oswald's detention and death, and Jack Ruby. An analysis of the

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failure of the Warren Commission will be made, with particular reference to the role of the FBI. Oswald's politics, his stay in the USSR and his relationship with the Federal government will be examined. The class will study New Orleans D.A. Jim Garrison and the trial of Clay Shaw, ~~as will~~^{and} certain odd activities of the Dallas Police Department and the CIA.

Texts will be the Report and the paperback RTJ, because it is cheap and generally available. I am, however, going to urge people to get AAF.

Speaking of AAF, you made the point that if the clip was in the Mannlicher-Carcano, the time reconstruction has another hurdle. In FOUR DAYS, there is a photograph of J.C. Day carrying the rifle from the TSBD. That rectangular whatnot just to the left of the strap is a clip in the rifle.

I had an entertaining experience just before I went to Berkeley. I went to Centralia (scene of the Centralia Massacre; not to be confused with Everett, scene of the Everett Massacre) to give a talk on the case to what had been described to me as a businessmen's luncheon group. Well, it turned out to be the local businessmen's Truth About Civil Turmoil Committee. A good time was had by all and I made a little cash out of it, which I earned twice over by getting funny looks when I said I didn't think the Comyanists did it. Ho, hum.

Has Josiah Thompson returned from Europe yet? I'd like to send him my Alvarez stuff.

If you make it out here while my class continues, you're going to be a guest lecturer.

Over and out.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'WJ' or similar initials, written in a cursive style.