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Dear Sylvia,

If your schedule worked out, this should get off the train just as you do. I think everything is here, though minus staples. It filled in some blanks and raised more questions (like about Alvarez' personality — Paul Hoch says the good doctor is like that in real life, too).

My typewriter broke again (same key) so I'm girding my loins for another go at the forces of dimwit bureaucracy.

Nothing yet from Uncle Chester. My friends aren't surprised or worried, so I guess I won't be, either. Just frustrated.

COUNTERPLOT got to Seattle, finally, and I must say I'm disappointed. Not just on the evidentiary problems, either. I had thought the "New Yorker" article was a sketchy outline of the book, but it turns out to be its core, plus wide margins. I'll elaborate on this anon.

I hope your trip was a success. I expect to see newspaper articles soon reporting a sudden rise in health in Boston.

Regards,

ps. From looking at schedules of tv & radio transmissions, I would doubt that Uncle Chester could have turned on his recorder soon enough to get 12:45.

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