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Dear Sylvia,

School has ended, and I'm now back home, so when you write please use my home address, 8829 Blue Grass Rd.

Bobbs-Merrill has returned my ms. with a form-letter rejection wishing me luck elsewhere. Oh well, as you know, I appreciate your efforts. This summer I plan to revise the book, largely in line with what Tink suggested, although not exactly. I think in revised form the book will have a very good chance with the U. of P. Press.

Perhaps I will get to New York this summer. If so, I'd like to see you again, for there is much I'd like to discuss, including the business with the pictures and X-rays. I imagine my position has caused you much consternation and (probably) disappointment. I also probably have not adequately conveyed to you how uncertain my position is, and how it has changed and is open to change. There are aspects of your position which need to be clarified in my mind. At any rate, we've just about written ourselves out, and a talk would be more fruitful, I'm sure.

I hope you are well. So far this year has been a good one for me, and I am looking forward to summer for both relaxation and education. I've become quite interested in the Cold War, especially revisionist theories relating to it, and this will be the focus of my history major at Penn. You might say that, within limits, I subscribe to the revisionist school of thought on this matter. My goal for a senior thesis is a revisionist history of the JFK administration. While JFK has been correctly assessed as a cold warrior in his first 2 yrs as President, I believe, as you know, that he underwent serious changes in his last year, following the missile crisis.

Best wishes,

*Howard*