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Dear Mr. Sorensen,

Thank you very much for sending me your UFO report, which was a model of clarity and detail. I especially enjoyed the remarks you addressed to the AF and to Quintanilla, though I doubt they were appreciated by this supercilious jackass and his confreres. As I wrote to Mrs. Hartmann (and perhaps she has shared that letter with you), my interest in UFOs derives as much from outrage at the official line as from fascination with the phenomena as such. I had been an occasional "helper" for a while, some years ago, to some NICAPers here in New York and during that period enjoyed access to much inside information, most of which later found its way into print, as well as a number of visits from Dr. Hynek. He is a kind of Wesley Liebeler of the UFO field--smart enough to understand just how deceitful the official line is, but plugging it for all it's worth. And the fact that Hynek at long last has summoned the guts to adjust his public pronouncements somewhat more to his private views in no way persuades me to entertain any respect for his intellectual or moral position over a period of almost 20 years. I do envy you your sighting. Here in New York, we are lucky to see the moon, thanks to the smog and the artificial light, so I've never seen anything like a UFO.

I did receive the copy of your letter to Saturday Evening Post and I wasn't quite sure why the article aroused such displeasure. I didn't think it was very much, one way or the other, and the description on the cover "SECRET DOCUMENTS...!!!" was certainly overblown.

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You may pass a copy of my April 4th letter to Mrs. Hartmann, or any parts of it you wish her to see. Why do you say "this will probably be my last letter"??? Are you going to sea? or just disinclined to write any more? I should be sorry not to hear from you again. As for writing another book: I don't know, I don't seem to have the energy. Bobbs-Merrill has asked me to do one on assassinations and I've started some preliminary research, but without real purposefulness or enthusiasm. The labor that went into the Subject Index and Accessories, which I can hardly believe when I look back on it, seems to have done precious little to move us forward towards reopening the case. This discouragement, plus sheer weariness from the three years of concentrated toil, are not propitious for a new book. Maybe later on...

All the best,