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Dear Tom,

Just a brief note to wish you a pleasant and productive vacation (if, indeed, this reaches you before you depart). An exhaustive analysis of the Playboy interview would be valuable. I wrote a 3-page letter to the Editor, pointing out just some of the more blatant misrepresentations and ludicrous claims--a letter for which they found no space, even in part, although I'm told they did publish a huge sampling of the mail elicited by the interview. Perhaps they skipped my letter because they are reviewing ACCESSORIES in the February issue, very favorably, I'm told. Incidentally, here is a "commentary" (in the form of excerpts) on Turner's latest attempt to promote Garrison, in Ramparts.

Vince and I are no longer in touch--in my case, because of our differences on the Garrison issue. So far as I know, however, there were no further developments in the Vaganov affair (about which I was always sceptical).

I have, and have read, Joesten's OSWALD THE TRUTH. It disinclines me toward his other new books. He, like some of our colleagues from whom one expected better, has swallowed Garrison with eager gullibility and uncritical enthusiasm. I suspect that he should have quit when he was ahead, in 1964, instead of trying to rival Weisberg's productivity from rather a remote outpost, literally and figuratively.

Again, good wishes for the vacation and for the New Year,

Sincerely,

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