

13 Oct., Monday

Dear Sylvia,

Great to get your letter with the new *Greens* information. What keeps running through my mind is: "What a marvelous incident to open an article on the assassination for some magazine?" Not me, of course, it's too late. But wouldn't it have been nice to have that kind of information back in the fall of 1966 when there really was a chance. And if we'd had Farmer's diaries then, and a few of the other things that have come out over the last few years -- wow! it might just have broken! There seems to be some odd law for governmental coverups; crises come up with the ammunition they need at just the time any ammunition is useless. Were the *Greens* CD's in the Archives or open to the public all the time, or were they just recently declassified?

Sylvia, I'm so out of the case now, and rather happy about it. Hearing the latest news from you and discussing it is just about as close as I want to get. I've got the first 70 pp. of my Freudbook roughly finished and its pleasing to be finishing. My theme is that the fundamental choice that undergirds his whole outlook is the choice of himself as "dreamer". This is what Sartre would call his fundamental project -- to reconstitute life as dream. And of course this project is inherently contradictory, and as his work proceeds the contradiction becomes all the more apparent. What is so haunting here is the universality of his project. All of us, I think, in some way or another, live by telling stories to ourselves. And yet the Freudbook, we never succeed in becoming "part of the story" in the same way as the dreamer becomes "part of the story" of his own.

making. Dreams offer us a way of experiencing
that is denied us during our waking life; I wonder
to what extent much of that waking life is not created
in the further attempt to work it over into dream.

And then the really tough question: Would conscious, waking
life at all be possible without the component of dream, the
will to illusion?

Speculating of dreams and waking life, our main
dream now is that some politician or other will come
through with enough change in the form of an advance
to let us buy a BMW 600cc. motorcycle. The
Guggenheim Foundation thinks of almost anything, but a
motorcycle is never beyond their attention. We saw Easy
Ryder the other night and the pseudo-Nancy that
it really would be fun. We had a secret, the last
time we were here.

Ah. What about Bettel's case? The last time
we talked, I thought, it finally came down with the
pronouncement that the Women Commission might be right.
A good book on Spinaire could be written from the
standpoint that you early took, and I only lately
adopted -- that S. was a skeleton, a disaster
for serious attempts to repair the case and get to
the bottom of it. That was the perspective Epstein
should have taken -- what about Tom.

We all think of you, Sylvia. Especially the
week to be at the UN when the westerners roll across
the country. I miss being in on the bill -- we would have
behaved a yr. or 2 yrs ago: R. Nixon as Pres. fires Hersey, Pelvin
Lind as Sec. of Defense quoted as proud of his son's anti-war protest, and the
Ch. of the Rep. Nat'l Comm. endorses the student anti-war strike.
Affectionately,
Tom