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Dear Sylvia,

Thanks so much for your swell letter. You write such good prose so easily -- like the marvelous letter writers of the 19th Century. I, on the contrary have to work at it, and being bound by my letters show it.

Be that how it may, I wonder if you had seen yet Chief Curry's book of the 22nd of Nov. '63 called Assassination File. There was a report on Curry and it in the European Herald Tribune. He held a press conference and said among other things that he was far from sure that Oswald was "the gunman" that the Warren Commission had seen him able to place him in the building with a weapon. Comparing his book with the 26 volumes might yield some very interesting sidelights. I figured press reports in the US would have been more complete than the one I saw and that by now you probably had seen the book. Tell me if you think it's worth ordering.

We follow the latest Vietnam reports also in the paper. I suspect Nixon is pulling a De Gaulle and is covering his withdrawal with aggressive statements of national will, patriotism, etc. Kiguer is such an amusing ass, and would be even more so if he wasn't playing out a very carefully measured role in Nixon's scenario. And in the meantime, while N. refuses to call a ceasefire, more Vietnamese and more Americans die.

I feel so hermetically isolated here and enjoy it immensely. Just got promised a \$1500. advance for editing a book of essays on Freudianism, and immediately spent 2/3 of the advance on the

biggest, blackest, most beautiful BMW motorcycle
 you ever saw. 600 cc, from 0-60 MPH in
 about 2 seconds, and a top speed of nearly 100. Wow!
 What fun! Nancy likes it too and often we
 go out in the County for rides. Can't wait
 to show it to you when we get back.

The photos of troops arriving in Washington
 remind me of 1961 6th Pentagon -- and the same
 units seem to be involved, among them the 82nd
 Airborne. The more things change the more they remain
 the same.

Affectionately,
 J. Thompson

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