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Dear Sylvia,

This will be a quick one. I hope to get back to my comments on ACCESSORIES in one or two weeks.

Having talked to Richard Billings recently, I am now over the uneasiness I indicated earlier. He still has the materials in question and has assured me quite convincingly that he has every intention of returning them. A number of personal problems, as you may know, have put him somewhat behind in his work -- which seems scattered all over the Eastern seaboard.

A man named Bud Fensterwald of Arlington, Virginia, appears to have taken a sudden interest in my case, though he has not yet attempted to contact me. I understand he is quite thoroughly committed to the theory that I am guilty, have lots more to tell, will be convicted for sure, etc. I think I have little to gain by dealing with these types between now and whenever the bluffs are called. If I ever go on trial, maybe I can send him a front-row ticket.

Cara and I both are very favorably impressed with Helen Hartmann. She has an excellent sense of humor, which is a good sign -- as the Garrisons and Weisbergs and Horseys of the world never do. Her high opinion of Harold, however, does put me extremely uptight, though we have agreed to disagree on the subject. I am sure she is not the sort of person who would intentionally harm anyone, but I'm going to remain cautious until and unless I form some kind of opinion on whether or not she can be mislead. Anyhow, I thank you for getting us in communication. There is a great deal we can already do, just with public information.

Let justice be done until hell burps up,

KERRY