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Dear Sylvia,

Were you to imagine the most exaggerated and highflown language you could not begin to know how kind those wonderful California people were to me. I hope I was able to help us all. Things were so intense and so hectic I cannot begin to recall all the radio and TV things they had lined up for me. Almost without exception all were good and I think effective. What was least good may turn out to be most effective, a nasty bit with <sup>Tom</sup>omax who was worse than even those lawyer on the Burke show. When, after three segments of sniffing, stupidities and pretending that nothing meant anything he asked me, "What difference does it make?" I lost my temper and told him, "Jesus Christ! A President is killed and we're given a fraudulent investigation and a false report and you ask what difference does it make?" And whom! I threw the book on the floor and left. Shouldn't have lost my temper but I had his studio audience, anyway.

In San Francisco there was an effort at professional redbaiting that failed, and failed out loud and clear on the biggest station. Hal Verb, incidently, did a professional job of making arrangements - really more than a professional would have done. We had not a free minute from before daylight until after midnight, daily. The first day (it was 26 hours for me) half-way smoked out a former Marine Corps companion of Oswald's whose representation of that outfit and Oswald's place in it is not in accord with what I recall of the evidence. It may be something if he decided to drop his anonymity and his stuff holds up.

To the degree that I can, I want to concentrate and rush WHITEWASH III out. I do not know how long I can continue at this pace, but I feel myself slipping and wearing. There is considerable interest in it and I think that while there is no prospect of financial profit from it without a strike of lightning, there is quite a possibility of it doing much good, especially by showing the kind of data that was ignored and the method of operation. I think it can also lay the basis for further credibility of other work. I'd like to do several additional things with it. I'd like to include a sort of index to other (responsible) writing in the field of whatever nature and publication, but I'll not have time to prepare it. Do you know if anyone has? I'd like to key this in with my own books, but doubt that I'll be able to. Also, I'm going to have to make some money, for until there has been a real success with the Dell edition (and until the months thereafter before they settle up) we slide farther into debt. I can combine both the need and the desire by going on a lecture tour and this is what I plan as soon as I can get III done. I've written a bureau and it looks okay.

Also, if there are any documents any of the other researchers have or would like to refer me to that they think I should include, I'd like to know about them. If you speak to any (and I'm writing some) and they have any suggestions, it would be helpful if they could key these in with their own writings, so that the references would mean more, as would the documents.

I have written two long articles, one on the transfer of documents and one on the pictures and Xrays, that I intend to include. I plan a chapter on such things as the pictures not in the archive and not used or apparently sought by the government. Here I'd appreciate every reference anyone can recall, for it is certain that I'll not remember everyone I've read about in the record. I have a few from the files, including one case of assassination pictures taken from the TSBD! As you know, I've discovered an entire movie they ignored. But there cannot be too much of this, and it is quite comprehensible. ...As you probably know, LIFE says they accidentally damaged the original Zapruder, which leaves more questions. ...Capitol Records claims to have something very sensational and new, to be released 1/9...Hope to be in NYE soon but do not know when & doubt if I will in advance. At the moment we're snowed in. Got home just in time, for otherwise my wife would be stranded. If you see any errors in WWII please note them. Have a good year. Keep your eye on Norton. I doubt publication of Liebeler's book now.

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