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Dear Sylvia,

Glad your book is attractive. Hope they make a real effort with it. I've just gotten the first copy of Oswald in New Orleans and note the sloppiness with which it was prepared. Like leaving out the table of contents and the other books I've written. I fear the time I have the chance to go through it.

Do not begin by apologizing for the inevitable errors. First, we are all human; Manchester has a monopoly only on intent. Next, the design is of the Report and its authors, who made a certain amount of error inescapable. Compare the critical writing with that of the apologists, and I feel there is no need to apologize for our side. To those who know you, no apology is necessary; to the other side, none can accomplish anything.

In yours of 10/19 you say what I meant about emotion. There is no need to apologize for it, every reason to feel it. The problem is does it interfere with judgement, does it alter proper values and relationships. Please believe me when I say that insofar as those we both consider "critics" have revealed their attitudes to me, your presentation is not fair.

I believe the first of the copies I am to get of ~~Q~~ in NO were shipped. I'll mail you one as soon as they arrive.

My own schedule for the immediate future is jammed. Moving and the proliferation of problems over what I (or the bank and its appraisers) could anticipate are of a sort to educate Mr. Blandings. I've spent so much time on them and keeping up to date on other things, I've done no writing. I'll have to spend the coming week preparing for my trip. Monday in Washington. 10/30 I go to New York for a press conference 10/31, of which I know no details. I expect to spend until then trying to unravel the Dell situation. I hope we can get together. 11/1 I do a show with Jack McKinney, the next day, assuming nothing is arranged in Philadelphia, home, to leave for N.O. 11/5. 11/8, Chicago, 11/10, p.m., Frisco, where a TV taping session is scheduled for 27 minutes after touchdown, a time when I'll hardly be out of the airport. I understand this is how my Frisco schedule is. I have friends working on it there. Early am 11/15, L.A., where I hope Steve has arranged a speaking engagement at UCLA, with an invitation to Liebler to be there (and an empty chair is he isn't). If this does not materialize, I'll likely stay in Frisco for another day to take advantage of the available opportunities, then go to LA 11/16 early a.m. Early plane for Dallas 11/20, where I have a three-hour talk show on the McLendon KLIF! Next a.m., home. Imagine an invitation to go to Dallas and be on radio! Arranged by a radical-right, racist "fan" who I hope has not simultaneously arranged another execution.

The kind of thing that doesn't show of which I've tried to tell you in the past is this: I now know that without doubt my westcoast distributor has been refusing to fill orders. I doubt it this will happen with Hobbs, Merrill, but it is a sign of our sick time and what our opposition is capable of.

Best regards,