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Dear Sylvia,

If we are not snowed in in the morning, which now looks possible, I will finally mail these few notes.

I have no news of the New Orleans disaster that is in any way official, but I have heard from a few members of the press who are stunned at the seeming incompetence of it.

At the moment I am giving serious thought to doing a book called LEMMING. I haven't thought seriously enough to have a subtitle. If I become convinced, I will do it. That's one I suspect could be published. It would not be just an attack, it would be what did not come out that could and should have, what I know, what I developed, what I provided for the trial.

I hear from two sources that Vince is now expert in residence, by request. One reporter told me had it not been for Vince, the Frazier debacle would have been worse! Marina did commit perjury, from what another reporter - not a friendly one - told me. There is an enormous amount of N.O. stuff that could have been and wasn't, and the Texas deficiencies----

Meanwhile, I had a call from Connecticut that says Wecht was on Long John and very good. I hope he was not promoting Falmonde.
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Unless I do this book ~~AND~~ how the Mardi Gras solved the Kennedy assassination, my plans are unchanged. I should have COUP D'ETAT ready for a limited publication within a few days and then I'll return to the second part of POST MORTEM, for I have it all researched. But I'll have to read the first part first. You know, I have never had time to sit down and read any of my books after they were printed! I read most of II once while travelling. That's one isn't printed, but I wrote it 18 months ago. I have some chapters to add to it if they will not fit into the second part of the book, or the second book of the autopsy trilogy.

Bernabei was here for a few days. I like him very much.

The Washington "Post" reporter, who is not with us, told me today that Nichols' was persuasive testimony. We had a frank but entirely off the record talk for more than an hour.

To clarify the above, what I'd have to be convinced of is the need for such a book, for our own preservation. And by no official news, I mean I've heard from no one in the office since I left there, just 30 days ago.

Hurriedly,