Dear Sylvia (and Mary),

Thanks for the copy of Tink's letter to book. Parts of it are interesting, some, I think, may add fuel (as saying supersonic speed need dause no overpressure, which Mach long ago answered).

Enclosed ism a copy of Paul's letter to Gary. What little he said to me I refer to in my today's letter. I still cannot tell myself I can understand this, not in terms of any understanding I have ever had of Paul. No part of it fits.

Nor can I take any comfort from the degree to which he has validated my original hunch. This is the first disclosure the idea is not Paul's and does originate with Alvarez.

I have had the first respiratory infection in years for the past week. It has been seriously debilitating. I'm dragging myself around. There is some work I simply must do as soon as my mind is clear enough. Immediately thereafter, I will be writing themagazine and I'll send you a copy.

If I could get a lawyer, I do bedieve I have a rather good case against CBS and Alvarez for plagiarism. Paul's paper repeats the claim of origin with Alvarez, and Paul is one of those who quoted it from WHITEWASH to him. I am assuming Paul is one, but I have a record that his class, which includes Paul, did. This is what got him started, apparently.

The timing of this is something I think we should not ignore. It comes when there is a good chance my work has ended the Ray frameup. It is not only being readied for publication, but it is a matter of court record and, if hay is not killed, there is a good chance we will succeed in court, assuming Bud's transgressions are no worse than have yet detected. Aside from this, I have filed viable suits and, to Paul's detailed knowledge, have prepared others that have a good chance of succeeding. I can't begin to tell you how up tight have Justice, but believe me, it is so much that they are even committing perjury. I have gotten, am getting, and expect to get more of the most destructive evidence. So, this "science" is not nearly as detached as guised.

Without in any way insisting upon the accuracy or even reasonableness of my original concept, I ask you to do what thinking you can about it, in the light of what amounts to new ammunition Paul has provided that is not inconsistent with it, and for any suggestions you might care to make. I cannot believe two things: that this rot is a fair sample of his intellectment or that he has, consciously, "sold out". My own experience with him do not justify either.

Sincerely,