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Dear Harold,

I did not know that there was any connection between Jones Harris' interest in the Japanese aspects of the case and the Garrison affair. In fact, I am not at all clear on the reasons for his sudden urgent preoccupation with the Japanese reporter (of whom I have not the slightest recollection), nor am I very curious. It is an old story for Jones to call suddenly, after a very prolonged silence, pursuing mysterious tangential "clues" which ultimately seem to lead nowhere in particular but which present the opportunity to undertake long hours of research as a favor to a fellow-critic. I have tried to resist the temptation to labor on his behalf, since his objectives or hypotheses are cryptic if not top-secret and since he has not over the long years produced anything solid that I can recall.

As for your own relations with Garrison--what can be added to everything already said in the past? My own disillusion with him came relatively early and was unpopular, if not regarded as some form of "treason". For those whose disenchantment came later, I suppose it was more traumatic. For those who even now refuse to give up the ghost, and there are some, I can only feel incredulity.

My asthma has been quiescent. I hope that your health is also improved.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sylvia", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.