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Dear Bill,

I was deep in throes when the UPS man came with the 8-track. The package was so extraordinarily well made that with the danger to me of any cut I was very, very careful in the time-consuming opening of it. Lil was taking a nap so as soon as I saw what it held I stopped to let her finish unpacking her gift. I ~~had~~ ^{had} only begun to skim your enclosures, spotting ~~that~~ ^{what} turned out to be ~~the~~ ^{Embry's} correct diagnosis in the April defense psychiatric report, of organic brain damage, when the phone rang. That was a rather long interruption about which you may sometime be interested in. It left not enough time to resume writing, and I was in London, Ky., when the UPS sman came. So before having to leave soon to see the dental surgeon who called me back two months or so later, I thank you in haste so that in the morning, before the mail comes, I can get to writing again.

In short, having asked my friend who is to copublish Never Again with Carroll & Graf the status of the now long-delayed book, anticipating the response would be unsatisfactory I got crackin! I fear my book is being delayed deliberately until after the coming Livingstone outrage is out and well distributed and that the silence is a form of silent blackmail of me - if you want your book published, keep your yap shut!

If when I finally do hear I am not completely satisfied that is not in any sense a factor or any consideration, I've already started on my expression of my refusal to be blackmailed. Starting two early mornings ago and not doing much after my early morning walking yesterday because I did not feel up to it, I'm almost finished the ~~sixth~~ ^{all} chapter of a book with the working title- keep this to yourself except for Betsy- Inside the JFK Assassination Industry.

I'm glad you'd like to be at the degree awarding. I'm to go to Hood morning after tomorrow to be in the long-delayed oral ~~shiro~~ ^{shiro} history, plural, and I'll request another guest then. I've not heard from Selby but I know he can't afford to take time off from a job that ~~re~~ ^{he'll be here soon}quires him daily. Wrone will be there if he can be.

Remember, it will be on a Friday, ^{8/22} So maybe you can stay for a day or so before returning to the grind.

So ypu can understand the coincidence of my writing about those days in Ky., the first part of the book explains the background and experience on which I drew in doing what is not taught and cannot be taught in any college or university. It also is to explain why I think and work as I do.

!!! Thanks and our best, ^{Hard}
Lil is up and wellpleased. Wrong day for dentist. Referred to him over swelling in mouth. He was to consult with others about taking a specimen for biopsy. He'll now tell ^{me} tomorrow. Until supper, when Lil soon finishes tying up a transplated clematis, other mail. Many thanks from me, too. for your thoughtfulness. Lil won't record in it!