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Co Waterford,
Ireland

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Dear Gaeton,

I wrote you on the enclosed card, but decided you probably wouldn't be able to read it. So here goes again, enclosing the card anyway.

Bruce Lee tells me he's heard from you that Veciana has been shot - as I understand it he survived. I shall obviously want to include that fact by adding Veciana to the list of 'where are they now?' items at the end of the book. I'd be very grateful if you would let me have a few lines running down what you know of the incident and the circumstances. Where? Situation? Did other witnesses see the killer(?)s. Which ear was Antonio hit in, how serious an injury? You know what I need...

I find A.V.'s comment that "the Cubans did it" consistent with his past comments that Castro's people were after him. Does he really believe that was the cause? What think you? I hear from Bruce that you are perusing the ms. right now, and am very glad about that. Please express the final results to me, with your comments. Better to send direct to me on all specific points, as time is now of the essence. (Incidentally, I trust the ms you are now reading is the final one, which I delivered to Bruce on Sept 10 or thereabouts. The front and end are different from the old one - with a multitude of alterations to take the Committee into account, running through the body of the material. You have the new front but I would like you to have been able to read the altered version now that you have in any case embarked on the reading later in the day than we planned.

Can you send me a good print of Veciana (making him look as nice as his ugly mug will permit), and one of ~~Rick~~Phillips (which I can run next to the "Bishop" artist's impression I have obtained a picture of Veciana - from summer 1963. However, he is photographed in the midst of a violent piece of oratory, and does not look like the rather believable calm man you and I know. I want to better that if possible, and (given his injury) would rather not now go direct to him.

I look forward to hearing from you soon. Jesus, how this subject eats up the weeks and months!

Cheers,