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Dear Mary,

Relet 2, I wish you were here, too. I'm nailed down tightly by Jill's leg and I think she'd welcome a face other than mine. However, the swelling seems to be going down and I hope she'll soon be able to put some weight on the leg. I've been expecting a call from the doctor since Friday, when I phoned as he'd instructed, only to learn what he didn't know on Tuesday, that Friday was his day off. He was due in the office at noon today, got there, and got called to the hospital emergency room immediately, so he hasn't returned my call. And it took an hour to get through!

The pool does not require leaf-dipping but mud-filtering. Had to empty it in the fall for repairs, filled it from the pond, and it is broken! Filter working full-time but I haven't been able to check it today yet.

Strange coincidence about Haxagartner. Made a note to check when I get to that one. I've put all these in separate files by CD #.

Howard was here most of two weeks, leaving this a.m.

Hope your reunion with Hank was as cheerful as it should have been!

Little else new. Glad to hear Arch is well enough to be out, whether or not robust. That can come in time. That he's alive is the blessing.

Best to all,

June 2, 1971

Dearest Lil and Harold:

I wish I was up there dipping the leaves out of your pool... getting sun-burned, etc., eating salads made with cauliflower and exploring the woods with Harold... Just thinking about it makes me relax.

Harold I received a very nice letter (actually two) from your friend Howard Roffman. I directed him to write directly to Sam Pate (with his questions) and he sent me a copy of the very nice letter he then wrote to Pate. I hope it brings him results.

Roffman told me he didn't know what he's going to do with the book he's written. Please urge him to sell me a copy the first minute it's available in any form (Xerox, etc.). Explain to him that I'm "trustworthy" and won't pass it around in the event he doesn't want to formally publish it for a while. I have been entrusted with so many "unpublished" manuscripts now that I'm embarrassed to let anyone into my book room. I have to watch them constantly and say, "Oh, no, I'm sorry. You can't touch that..." about so many things. I now have about half-a-dozen such books.

Harold, one thing I want to call to your attention regarding the recently declassified material... In the part about the Cubans, etc... I think it is 1085 (I'm at the office and can't remember for sure) there is a mention of an Edward Baumgardner or Baumgartner. He was sympathetic to Castro, etc. Well, what I want you to be sure to think about is his address on 11/22/63. It was 300 Greenbriar. Do you remember that the map which belonged to Lee Oswald and which was found at 1026 N. Beckley on the 22nd, had about 15 different markings on it. Arch and I spent one whole day going over it at the Archives in 1969. We copied each marking and then had a photostat made of the map before they laminated it that afternoon. It was "falling apart" but I hated to see it laminated. We came home and transferred the markings to an Enco map exactly like Oswald's. Well, my point is that Greenbriar in Oak Cliff is only one block long. There is a Greenbriar with numbering in the 1100's over in far North Dallas but the only 300 is that one block near Beckley in Oak Cliff. Downey, Senator's friend, lived on that block of Greenbriar and Joe Cody moved over on Plowman right at Greenbriar immediately after the assassination (I think I am wrong -- Downey lived on Plowman, too - but Plowman and Greenbriar are right together there) Well, Oswald had drawn a grill over that area, extending Greenbriar and Plowman out with little short lines... Look at that map when you have an opportunity and give this some thought in connection with the documents regarding Edward Baumgardner.

I am returning your letter to Leonard. Thanks for sharing it with me...

I am going to go to Memphis this weekend and visit with Buck. He seems to be doing well... Oh, and Arch is finally home. He hasn't gained any weight yet (was down to almost nothing) but seems to be doing well.

Love,

*Mary*